









# Australian publisher gives interesting talk on Japan to Hong Kong Rotary Club

## Weekly Health Return

Tuberculosis claimed 55 deaths in the week ended May 6, according to the weekly Health Return, released yesterday.

Other deaths from notifiable infectious diseases in the same period were four from enteric fever, two from measles, and one each from diphtheria, scarlet fever and whooping cough.

Deaths from all causes totalled 349 as against 816 births.

## Reminders

### Today

Tue H meeting, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.

Women's Section European YMCA, whilst morning, 10 a.m.

Nine Dragons Services Club, dancing class, 6 to 7 p.m.

Dance at 8 p.m.

Union Jack Club, Whist Drive, 7.30 p.m.

Little Flower Club, Variety concert, 6.30 p.m.

Canton Insurance Ltd., annual general meeting, Jardine's board room, 12 noon.

American Universities Club, first business meeting, Roof Garden HK Hotel, 12.30 p.m. (all who attended American universities or institutions are invited)

### Coming events

**TOMORROW**

Kowloon Rotary Luncheon, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

Y's Men's lunch meeting, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.45 p.m.

Nine Dragons Services Club, HK Band Call, 8 p.m.

HK Women's International Club, whist drive for Services, 7.30 p.m.

Union Jack Club, Tombola, 7.30 p.m.

Women's Section, European YMCA, tennis picnic, at King's Park Club house, 10 a.m.

**FRIDAY**

Nine Dragons Services Club, tombola, 8 p.m.; photography class, 9 p.m.

Organ Recital, St. John's Cathedral, 1.15 p.m.

Union Jack Club, Whist Drive, 8 p.m.

Women's Section, European YMCA, dress-making class, 10 a.m.

## AIR DISPLAY AT KAI TAK

All tickets for the forthcoming Air-Display at Royal Air Force Station Kai Tak were taken up by 3 p.m. yesterday.

The R.A.F. Public Relations Officer reported that his telephone was in use all day and that requests for tickets arrived from all parts of the Colony.

Those who have been unsuccessful in their efforts to obtain tickets are reminded that an excellent view of Kowloon Bay can be obtained from Diamond Hill and Hammer Hill.

## Sun Fo maintenance case continues

The whole of yesterday afternoon was spent by the Magistrate and Mr. M. A. de Silva in the examination and re-examination of Nancy Nyl in the continued hearing of the Sun Fo maintenance case.

The summons against Sun Fo by Nancy Nyl was for the maintenance of June Sun, who she said is the daughter of the former Premier of China.

The case is being heard by Mr. Hing-ming Lo, Commissioner, is represented by Mr. M. A. de Silva, while the Sun Fo is represented by Mr. Sun Fo.

Questioned by Mr. Hing-ming Lo, complainant said that she had not visited Sun Fo at Nan-king prior to January 1933.

Asked whether she could remember whether it was a cold day when she left Shanghai in January 1933, witness said that she could not remember.

During the few days that she was in Nan-king, witness said that it was not snowing but that there was strong sunshine.

### PICNICKING

Held at 11 a.m. at the club house. "Get your supplies" at 11.15 a.m.

### STREAK BROILER

PICNIC PAIRS FRIDAY JUNE 2nd

### FOODS

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A talk on Japan and what General MacArthur and Japanese leaders think of the world situation, was given by Mr. W. R. Macdonald, publisher of the "Brisbane Telegraph," at the Hong Kong Rotary Club weekly luncheon yesterday.

Mr. Macdonald has been on a 10-day tour of Japan as the guest of the British Commonwealth Occupation Forces Headquarters in Japan.

General MacArthur was quoted as saying the only hope for Japan is for her to remain absolutely neutral and to take no part in any war or preparation for war. She must have no air or naval bases, as they will only invite attack.

Japan must be turned into a great producing country to provide the needs of the vast Asian area, where a great vacuum has been caused by the war. A properly developed Japan could fill that vacuum.

The acuteness of Japan's increasing population was also touched upon by General Macdonald. With a population of 81,000,000, which is increasing at a rate that may touch 91,000,000 by 1955, and with less territory to hold it than before the war, there is certainly urgent need for control.

Economists had said the figure should be brought down to 55,000,000, but how this could be done was another thing.

Already measures are being taken to reduce the birth rate; and birth control clinics, 800 of them, have been set up all over the country to give advice to mothers.

Abortion, too, has been legalised in particular cases, such as for health reasons, but economic necessity is also a valid reason for getting rid of an unborn child.

It is believed that Japan's birth rate is now at its peak, and control measures should help to bring it down.

### Russian bluff

General MacArthur does not believe that Russia would go to war, she will try to get what she wants by bluff.

No nation wants war, no people wants it. War is only effective where a nation is so strong that it can destroy its enemy in a quick lightning attack, and the probability is that both will be destroyed.

However, General MacArthur was quoted as saying, Russia will continue to bluff and get as much as she can by bluff.

Mr. Yoshida, the Japanese Prime Minister, who was Ambassador to London before the war, and regarded as friendly to England and America, for which sentiments he lost his job and went into retirement, was quoted by Mr. Macdonald as saying that Japan's most urgent need is trade, and she wants to trade with Communist China and also Australia.

He asked what were the feelings in Australia towards Japan, and Mr. Macdonald said Australians were naturally still bitter about the atrocities meted out to prisoners of war by the Japanese.

Shown a photograph, witness said that it was a photo of her. She said that she had taken off her coat when the photo was taken.

Witness said that after her marriage to Dr. Sun Fo as his second wife, she had no document pertaining to this because at that time she trusted him.

Witness said that Sun Fo did not give her a present in February 1933 but later he gave her a wrist watch set with diamonds.

Asked what had happened to the watch, witness said: "I sold it in Shanghai in 1937."

"It was after the consummation of marriage that Dr. Sun Fo gave me the present," said Nancy Nyl.

Pressed as to how long after the consummation of her marriage to Sun Fo, the present was given to her, witness replied that it was about a month.

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Mr. R. R. Todd, the Acting Colonial Secretary, is shown, during the tour, the route leading to New Homuntin Village to officially open the settlement yesterday. — ("China Mail" photo).

## New Homuntin Village is officially opened

New Homuntin Village, a settlement of 153 new concrete huts with a further 124 in course of construction, was officially declared open by the Acting Colonial Secretary, Mr. R. R. Todd, yesterday.

The opening ceremony consisted of the cutting of a red tape strung across the roadway leading to the new settlement.

Building of the new huts started a little more than two months ago under the direction of the Kowloon City Fire Relief and Rehabilitation Committee, which was set up under the chairmanship of Mr. Daniel Chien, after the disastrous outbreak of fire among the squatter huts in Kowloon City on January 11, when more than 20,000 people lost their homes.

The committee started a fund-raising campaign for the fire victims and provided them with food and clothing for their immediate needs, but it was felt that a long-term solution was necessary, and they applied to Government for the grant of land in Homuntin Valley where they could build a new home for the fire victims.

Yesterday's official opening of the new settlement was the culmination of more than four months' hard work put in by the committee.

Mr. Daniel Chien said at the official opening yesterday that it was the intention of the committee to make New Homuntin Village a model settlement. Water is going to be laid on, and electric lights installed. The inhabitants will be initiated into a new community life of their own.

### School and church

In addition to setting up one or more co-operative stores, a school and a church are going to be built.

The present plan is to accommodate about 500 families, but other huts are also being built in the settlement by the fire victims themselves, under the supervision of the committee.

Mr. Todd, congratulating the committee on their achievement, said New Homuntin Village is the result of a remarkable effort.

On the part of certain public spirited Chinese citizens and organisations, who got together after a great disaster, formed themselves into a relief committee and after giving the victims immediate relief, realised that something more than short-term

## Launching of APL liner

The launching of the ss. President Jackson, first of American President Lines' three new round-the-world luxury liners, has been advanced from September to June, it was announced yesterday.

It is now due to take place on June 27, at the Camden, New Jersey yards of the New York Shipbuilding Corporation. Delivery date of the President Jackson is still set for December 16, 1950.

Launching of the President Jackson will be followed at two-month intervals by two sister-ships, the President Adams and President Hayes, all under construction at Camden, for American President Lines' Round-the-World service.

Later, four additional ships of similar type but with fewer passenger accommodation will be constructed for the same service, ultimately giving the Company seven fast modern combination passenger-cargo liners with a sailing every two weeks from the United States East and West coast ports around the world.

The President Jackson will be 630 feet overall, 73 feet wide, and will have a cruising speed of 19 knots. She will accommodate 204, all first-class passengers, and may be readily converted to carry more than 2,500 troops in the event of another national emergency.

The vessel will be completely air-conditioned, even the crew quarters, which will accommodate approximately 181 members. The ship will displace 19,000 tons, and have a deadweight of 10,000 tons.

Passenger accommodation will include spacious sun decks, an outdoor swimming pool, children's playground with nurse in attendance, a modern hospital staffed with doctor and nurses, elevators, enclosed promenade and ample open deck space for games and recreation, a combination night club and theatre for dancing and movies.

There will be an elaborate address system with record-player facilities, a modern laundry with 24-hour service, and a telephone in every stateroom. Each stateroom will have its own private bath.

## RAPE CHARGE WITHDRAWN

The charge of rape against a Shanghai cotton weaver, Sine Yat-kwan, aged 26, was withdrawn before Mr. F. X. d'Almeida at Kowloon yesterday when the prosecution offered no evidence against him.

On withdrawing the charge Detective Sub-Inspector C. G. March said that the matter would be taken up by the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs.

Defendant, an employee of the Wai Yee Textile Company, was alleged to have violated a 10-year-old girl on board a junk in the Yau-mat Typhoon Shelter on April 4.

## CHILD KILLED BY LORRY

A lorry driven by a Chinese male struck and killed a five-year-old boy Tam Ngan-chai, on Jaffe Road yesterday afternoon, instantly killing him.



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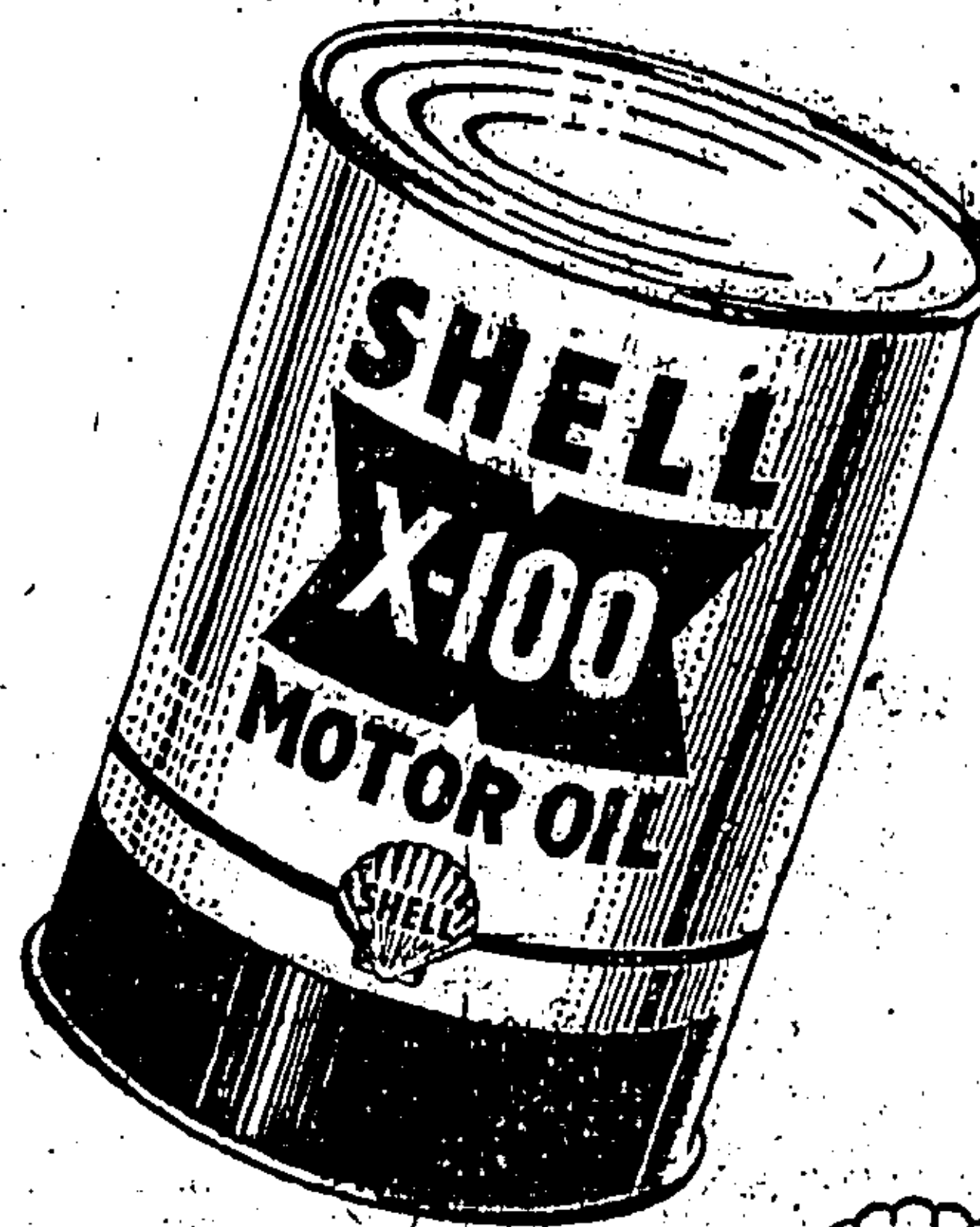
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## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG

PROBATE JURISDICTION

NO. 132 OF 1950.

IN THE GOODS OF LIEW WENG CHEE (廖榮枝) alias LIEW SIU FUN (廖秀芬) late of No. 40 Bukit Bintang Road, Kuala Lumpur in the State of Selangor, in the Federation of Malaya, Land-owner and Banker, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has by virtue of Section 58 of the Probates Ordinance No. 2 of 1907 made an order limiting the time for creditors and others to send in their claims against the estate of the above-named deceased to the 9th day of June 1950.

All creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send their claims to the undersigned on or before that date.

Dated the 15th day of May, 1950.

HASTINGS & COMPANY, Solicitor for the Executors of the Will of the above-named deceased, Marina House, Hong Kong.

## MARINE DEPARTMENT NOTICE NO 8 OF 1950.

FOR INFORMATION OF SHIP OPERATORS AND CHARTERERS

It is hereby notified that Sunday 14th May, 1950 has been declared a Weather-non-working day.

J. JOLLY, Director of Marine, Marine Office, Hong Kong, 15th May, 1950.

## RE OFFICERS DINNER

A dinner for all past and present officers of the Corps of Royal Engineers will be held in the Hong Kong Club on 21 June 1950. Will any ex-RE Officer, who has not already done so, please get in touch with Major D.R. Stenhouse, Chief Engineer's Branch, HQ Land Forces, Telephone 34121 Ext. 214.

## NOTICE

It is hereby notified that HENRY SHIH of 16-C, Gloucester Building, Hong Kong, has this day been appointed the Sole Agent in China, Macao, Hongkong and Singapore for Messrs ROBINSON & COLLIER, INC. of 389 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N.Y. in respect of Cotton and Rayon textiles, Cotton Printed and Woven Handkerchiefs and Ladies Scarfs. All enquiries should be directed to the said Henry Shih.

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The Register of Members and Transfer Books will be closed from the 3rd May to the 17th May, 1950, both days inclusive.

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Notice to Shareholders.

Notice is hereby given that the Directors have decided to pay an Interim Dividend of 40 cents per share, free of tax for the half year ended 31st March, 1950. Pro rata dividends will be paid in respect of 1949-1950 shares.

Notice is also given that the Transfer Books and Register of Shareholders will be closed from 28th May, 1950, to 10th June, 1950, both days inclusive.

Dividend Warrants will be available for collection on and after Wednesday, 14th June, 1950.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

P. W. A. WOOD, Secretary & Chief Accountant.

## NOTICE TO CONSUMERS

## CHINA LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY LIMITED. REDUCTION OF CHARGES

In pursuance of the policy of progressive price reduction, the Company takes pleasure in announcing the following further reductions in charges which will be effective from 1st July, 1950:—

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By Order of the Board of Directors,

P. W. A. WOOD,

Secretary & Chief Accountant.

Hong Kong, 9th May, 1950.

## BUTTER SHORTAGE

Butter Concentrate (Kim Tai Brand) is now available at all stores at controlled prices. This Butter Concentrate is in tins, and should be mixed with water or milk to produce one pound weight. Firmed in a refrigerator or icebox, it is exactly the same as fresh butter, because no preservatives whatsoever are used. In tins it will keep for years without refrigeration and should be purchased now against future shortages.

## ACES Concert at Kowloon Y

The ACES, an organization formed by the Forces Civilian Entertainment and Welfare Committee to provide entertainment for the troops, will give a series of performances at the Kowloon YMCA on May 18, 19 and 20.

Described as a Concert Party the performances will feature many members of the original ACES cast. Since August 1949 the ACES have put on 40 shows for the troops, artists recruited by the ACES for their shows are talented and enthusiastic amateurs. They do not usually get much time to rehearse, but this has never prevented them from putting on excellent shows which the troops have found to be full of entertainment value.

The first two nights are for the troops and on Saturday, the 20th, for the public.

## DONATIONS ACKNOWLEDGED

The Chairman and Executive Committee of the Direct Sleepers' Shelter Society gratefully acknowledge receipt of the undermentioned donations towards the funds of the Society:

Previously acknowledged \$7,478: Directors of The Po Leung Kuk: Mr. Chow Chong, Mrs. A.K. Chan, Mr. Luk Yung-fong, Mr. Chiu Leung, Mr. Lee To, Mr. Lee Gai-wang, Mr. Patrick Wu, Mrs. Lee Hui-ling, Mr. Lee Che-kong, Mr. Yee Chung, Mr. Chung Wah-cho, Mr. Tai Shiu-kwong, \$1,000; Shingee Co. Ltd. \$100; Mr. Andrew Cheung \$100; Chin Eng-sun Ltd. \$100; Mr. Tse Wai-ling \$100; Mr. Fung Tse-ying \$100; Mr. Lo Kung-muk \$100; Mr. Chan Hin-nahuen \$100; Mr. Sul Ping-sheng \$50; Hui Mow Fung \$25. Total \$9,253.

Kowloon Union Church, Organ and Reconstruction Fund has now reached the \$7,000 mark. Additional contributions are—Dr. and Mrs. E.E. Wallace \$100, Organ Fund Collection Box (Anonymous) \$50.

Latest donations to the Hong Kong Anti-Tuberculosis Association are:—Previously acknowledged \$13,701.85. Staff of the Chase Bank \$330, Dr. L. Shu-fan \$250, Dr. T.Y. Li \$200, Messrs. Cathay Pacific Airways Ltd. \$100, Messrs. T.O. Wong and Co. Ltd. \$100, Messrs. M. Dillias and Sons \$25, Mr. J. Kim \$25, Mr. C.F. Millington \$20, E. Carvalho \$20, Aileen M. Woods \$20, Mrs. L. Winfield \$10, C. Sheriff \$10, Miss M.B. De Cruz \$5, A.Y.M. \$5. Total \$4,921.85.

A maximum fine of \$10,000 on 12 months hard labour was imposed on Cheng Chun-man by Mr. J. Reynolds at Central yesterday on a charge of possession of raw opium.

Defendant was charged with the possession of 300 taels of raw opium on May 15. According to the prosecution the police raided 178 Des Voeux Road West, first floor and in the front cubicle found the opium.

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S 5 HKQ 10 7 5  
D 8 4 2  
C J 10 3 2  
S AK 9 2 H J 9 8 4 D 7 5 3 C A K  
S J 10 8 7 6  
H 2  
D K Q 10 9 6  
C Q 7

Dealer: North. Neither side vulnerable.  
North East South West  
Pass Pass 1 S 1 NT  
Pass 3 NT

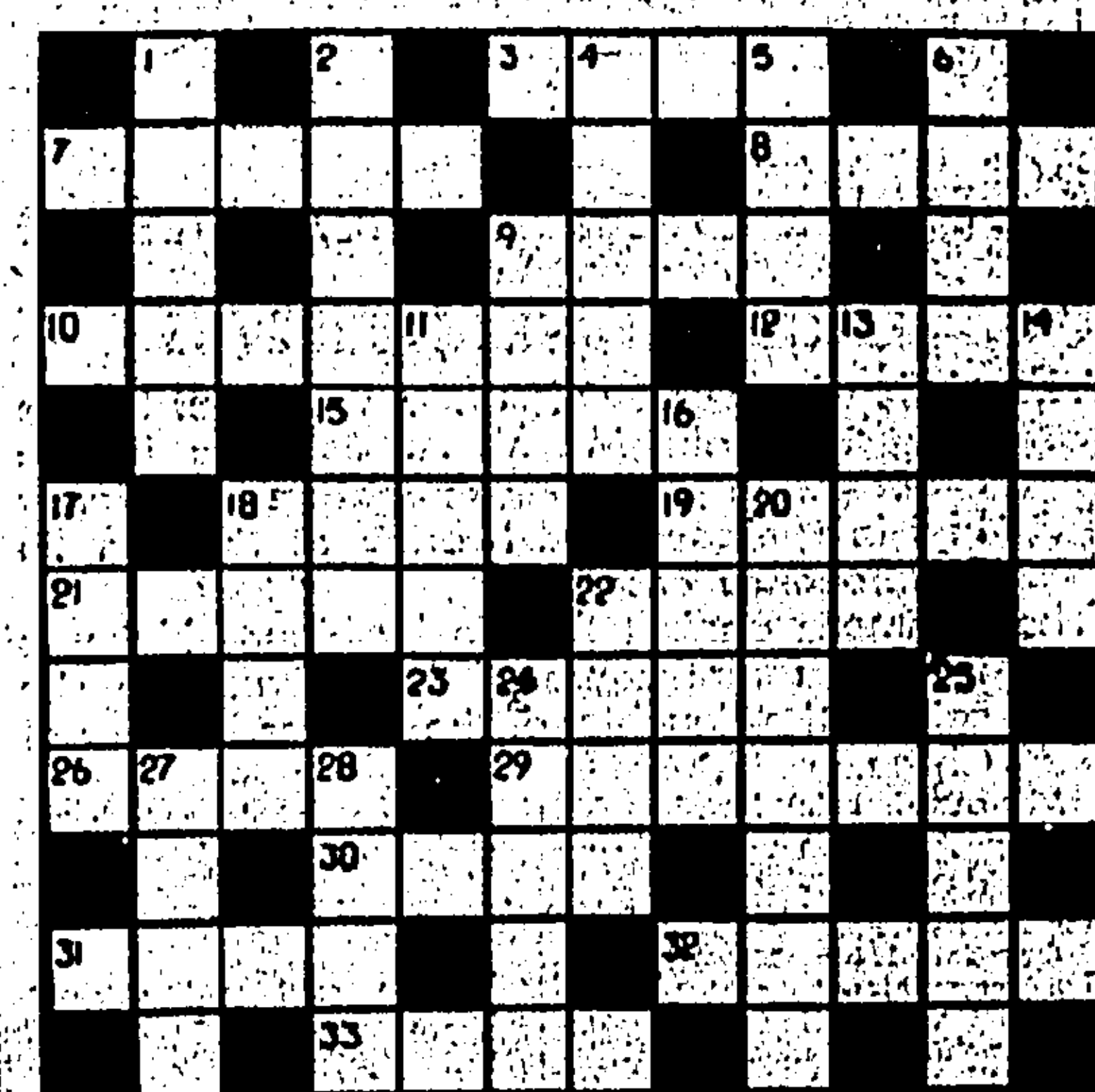
North, one of those chaps who acts often according to first impressions, opened the singleton of his partner's spades. Dummy played low and the 10 was topped by the A. That virtually marked the fitness against the J as a winner. East reckoned this assured him four tricks in spades, enough time to develop at least a third trick in clubs and left his red aces to produce the other two tricks he required.

So the second and third tricks were club tops and the spade 2 was lost to the Q, enabling dummy to lead a club to North's 10. North unfortunately now chose his heart K to return instead of second club was given up to North's J. Since South had put the 2 on the heart lead, North now led the diamond 8—much too late in the action—and the beans were spilled. The A won that, the club 8 scored, the spade 2 won a finesse, and the spade K scored the game trick.

North should have reckoned, from the opponents' bidding, that South really had a weak hand, and should have opened his own heart K. Whether West should have tried a "Bath coup" by letting that win, or won it, his doom would have been sealed by the indicated switch to a diamond when South played the heart 3. This would have ruined the declarer's timing, and made game impossible: Just figure it out for yourself, and you will see the dummy needed three entries to establish and score a third club after using declarer's two top cards.

Tomorrow's Problem.  
S 4 2 H K Q 4 2 D Q 9 8 C K 7 6 2  
S 10 9 5 H 10 7 4 3 D K 10 4 C J 10 8  
S A Q 7 H A J 9 5 D A 3 C Q 9 6 4  
S K J 9 8 3 H 9 D J 7 6 5 3 C A 3  
(Dealer: West. North-South vulnerable.)  
South passes. East's 1-club bid is what bidding should look like.

## A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across  
3 Soothing medium. 7 Introduction. 8 Shivering fit. 9 Rode. 10 Fruit. 12 Blench. 15 Strange. 18 Unmixed. 19 Statue. 21 Move steal. 22 Self-satisfied. 23 Divide. 26 Musical work. 28 Broods. 30 Set of. 31 Vagant. 32 Pleasing quality. 33 Ship's track.  
Down  
1 Break out. 2 Suite. 4 Sharp. 5 Main body. 6 Cougar. 9 Small bay. 11 Formation. 13 Sleep rock. 14 Was. 16 Boundary. 17 Resound. 18 American country. 20 Speaks. 24 Eights. 25 Stratum. 27 Condensation. 28 Tack.

## Yesterday's Crossword

ACROSS: 1 Active. 7 Emir. 8 Bluff. 10 Telen. 11 Even. 13 In-parallel. 15 Adze. 16 Chat. 17



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2. F.A. CUP FINAL: ARSENAL vs. LIVERPOOL

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# U.S. SCIENTISTS SAY THEY ARE CHOKED BY SECURITY MEASURES

New York, May 16.

Scientists believe the U.S. would have to use science to win a war with the Soviet Union. Many believe the U.S. also needs an advantage in scientific weapons to keep Russia from attacking before the U.S. can achieve a peaceable world. Yet, many scientists believe that today the U.S. is destroying, not building, its scientific resources. In the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists — a journal edited by scientists who developed the tools of World War II — one recently asked: "Is the United States strangling the goose that laid the plutonium egg?"

## WOMAN'S DEATH ON SHIP

Bombay, May 15.

The Coroner's Court was besieged by newspaper reporters today when the inquest on Elisa Loomis, American stewardess, came up again to decide on the Norwegian Consul's objection to the Court's jurisdiction.

Mr. Pettigara, the Government prosecutor, declared that according to the Bombay Coroners Act, the court could hold an inquest though no Indian could take action against the culprits if any in the matter.

The coroner asked Frederick Gavin, the Norwegian Consul, if he had any objections to this position.

Mr. Orvin agreed to the court's right to hold the inquest but said that he was particularly about further proceedings. The American Vice-Consul, Joseph Belehrad, concurred with the court's decision and agreed with Mr. Orvin to act as interpreter for Norwegian witnesses who do not know English.

The coroner fixed the inquest for 11.30 local time tomorrow.

Elisa Loomis died at sea on May 8 on board the Norwegian ship Vinstra.

It was reported reliably that plans had been made to bury her body at sea but that another American stewardess, Miss Marjorie Three, persuaded the master of the Vinstra, Captain Kronaas, to return to Bombay.

Miss Three has made a confidential statement to the American Consul in Bombay. Associated Press.

At least five were killed and 50 injured today in a train wreck 20 miles south of Madrid. Associated Press.

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Now that the H-bomb may be on the way, many scientists would ask: "Is the United States now strangling the goose that we may desperately need to lay hydrogen eggs?"

The scientists believe that they are being choked by security requirements where "loyalty" is investigated where "loyalty" is no issue.

On March 1, the U.S. House of Representatives passed by 247 to 125 a bill which scientists have begged for since the end of the war to support basic scientific research.

President Truman, it has been reported, may veto the bill if it retains the FBI clause which requires "investigations" on every science researcher.

Yet, if Congress should refuse to accept the President's veto, it would be a boon to most scientists.

It might seem logical to some to refuse Federal money to disloyal students, but educators say the investigations would swamp every college with fear and suspicion.

"Maginot line of bombs"

Dr. Lee A. Dubridge, President of the California Institute of Technology, has said: "Unless we want to fight the next war with weapons of the last — guns — we must restore our basic science laboratories and resume training of new scientists. We must avoid hiding behind a Maginot line of atomic bombs."

"But unless we guard freedom of science as vigorously as freedom of speech and the Press, he said, we might as well stop pretending we want a strong science."

Scientific spokesmen have objected to:

1. Loyalty tests and investigations that probe thoughts and private lives rather than deeds.

2. Public defamation by legislative committees and some of the Press. The editors of the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists believe the Congressional Hickenlooper Investigation Committee of last spring raises an uproar but does not face the facts that really choke progress.

3. Secrecy beyond security. Security, say most scientists, does not consist in calling so many things secret that American research men shut up in compartments where they cannot talk to each other and cannot advance.

The journal that has stated these protests most clearly is the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists. The Bulletin has published an issue based on the H-bomb — and discusses U.S. security in the light of the possibility of a hydrogen bomb.

Co-operation needed

The Bulletin says: "Look for spies? Yes, but no backward State could have produced the A-bomb."

**JAMES CAGNEY IN ACCIDENT**

Hollywood, May 15. James Cagney, tough guy of Hollywood, admitted today that he tripped while staking a coyote near his canyon home before dawn and shot himself in the hand with a .22 rifle.

The wound is not serious. Associated Press.

Vatican City, May 15. Saint John Baptist de la Salle has been named patron of teachers of boys. The Saint was the founder of the Brothers of the Christian Schools and an educational reformer. He was born at Reims in 1681. Associated Press.

That Russia produced one proves only that she would be dangerous anyway.

Progress, says the Bulletin, also demands not less, but more co-operation with scientists in all countries.

Foreign-born scientists in America convinced President Roosevelt that the U.S. could make an A-bomb. Other foreign scientists played important roles in the project. Canada leads the United States in plutonium separation methods today. Britain leads in some phases of atomic energy.

Many scientists also believe it is a mistake to toss away every research man who has been a Communist, or close to it at some time — providing he can be proved loyal today. If we had done this in wartime, the whole A-bomb project would have been slowed and endangered.

Several scientists warn today that Russia is moving faster than the U.S.

"Progress of U.S. atomic research has not been satisfactory," stated Professor Harold C. Urey. "Every scientist in a responsible position is hampered or even paralyzed if he must permanently be on guard to defend himself against ridiculous accusations of real or imaginary violations of party security regulations, or against charges of serving Communist leanings."

Impeding progress

Another leading scientist — Dr. Frederick Seitz of the University of Illinois, who believes that the nation should mobilize science immediately — says that partisan attacks on atomic energy research probably do as much to impede progress as could a number of well-placed Russian agents.

The scientists' appeals come at a time when the U.S. is in a tense, trigger-happy state of mind. Some scientists maintain that the Soviet Union could make a surprise attack so effective that the United States might not recover.

Those who say this plead a cause.

They say that the U.S. should seriously consider the extent to which scientists must be mobilized.

That the U.S. consider — as urged by Harvard President James Conant — the establishment of boards to weigh the relative value of various weapons. What is the best use to be made of the resources the nation can expand?

That Congress pay some regard to the counsel of scientists in scientific issues.

That Congress clear the decks now on the issue of security by concealment versus security by achievement.

David E. Lilienthal, former AEC Chairman, said: "The men in the Kremlin have put their blue chips on whether they can outstrip the world in scientific achievement — meaning us — in considering any act of future aggression." Associated Press.

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## "Too much hysteria over atom bomb"

Washington, May 15. Representative Charles E. Elston (Republican) today discounted the ability of Russia to strike a major atomic bomb blow against the United States.

Mr. Elston, a member of the Joint Congressional Atomic Energy Committee, believes Russia is aware that an atomic attack against America would be a suicide mission and Russia would be reluctant to drop the first bomb.

"There is altogether too much hysteria about atom bombs and hydrogen bombs," he said.

He added that the "United States" production and stockpiling of atomic bombs was regarded only as insurance against attack. The United States knew how to make the atom bomb was made and the Reds were no nearer production of a hydrogen bomb than American scientists — United Press.

## CONQUEST OF TIBET FORECAST

New Haven, May 15.

Otto, son of the last Monarch of the Austrian Hungarian Empire, forecast tonight that Chinese Communist troops will soon march into Tibet.

He told a Yale audience that the march would serve as the first step in Soviet Russia's plans to gain a foothold on the border of India.

Otto said: "The Soviets are now getting ready to fan out from China into two directions — Central Asia and South East Asia. He predicted the march into Central Asia would come first and declared: 'Tibet is due for obliteration, possibly in the summer of 1950.'"

The Austrian nobleman discussed the threat of Soviet Russia to world peace in a talk sponsored by Yale's International Relations Club.

He stressed that the Communist drive against Tibet was part of Russia's long-range plans to extend their control into India.

Stalin, according to Otto, has already started the second stage of Russia's plans for world revolution. The first stage, he said, was the strengthening and militarization of the Soviet Union, and now the second is the complete conquest of Eastern Europe, China and Central Asia. Associated Press.

## ORSON WELLES IN PARIS

Paris, May 15. The American film star and producer, Orson Welles, will make his debut in the Paris legitimate theatre on June 7 in two new plays written by himself.

The first is said to be based on the story of Faust while the second is a satire on Hollywood.

Suzanne Cloutier, who appears with Mr. Welles in his recent film Othello, will play the leading female role in both plays.

Production — at the King Edward VII Theatre — on the main Boulevard will be by Orson Welles himself. Associated Press.

## CONDUCTOR WEDS

Philadelphia, May 15.

Eugene Ormandy, aged 50, conductor of the Philadelphia Orchestra, today married Margaret Francis Hirsch, aged 41, who came to the United States in 1936 from her native Vienna. They had a civil ceremony at the City Hall. Associated Press.

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# TOTAL COLD WAR TO BE WAGED ON RED IMPERIALISM

## Deliberations of the Atlantic Pact group

London, May 15.

The North Atlantic Pact countries agreed today to wage total cold war against the threat of Soviet imperialism as the only way to preserve peace.

The threat of a third World War hung heavily over the Council of the North Atlantic Pact as the 12 Foreign Ministers opened their conference at Lancaster House and devoted six hours to a general review of the cold war.

The Ministers issued an uninformative communiqué at the end of the day, but the spokesman for one of the delegations disclosed that the Council was in complete agreement that the cold war should be waged with total diplomacy if it was to be won and prevented from turning into a hot war.

This spokesman said the theme that ran through all the speeches was the necessity for a very determined effort by everyone in the defence and economic fields to defend peace.

## RAID ON AFRICAN UNION

Nairobi, May 15.

Kenya police today raided the offices of the East African Trade Union Congress, removed all documents and arrested the President and the General Secretary.

They charged the Indian General Secretary, Mr. Maken Singh, and the African President, Mr. Fred Kubai, with being officers of a trade union which had been refused registration. Both men, who denied the charges, were remanded in custody and were refused bail.

The Government brought police reinforcements into Nairobi and the surrounding district during the week end in case Maken Singh's associates called a general strike.

Mr. Kubai and Mr. Singh were charged under the Trade Union and Trades Disputes Ordinance of the Kenya Government with being officers of a trade union which registration was refused last September, and which should have been dissolved.

When he was arrested, Mr. Kubai declared that the Congress was an association of registered trade unions and, as in other countries, did not itself have to be registered.

He claimed that he and Mr. Maken Singh had a long talk with the Labour Adviser of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, who had told them it was not necessary for the Congress to be registered.

Under Kenya law, trade unions are required to be registered within a certain period or be dissolved.—Reuter.

## PAKISTAN GOING TO BAGUIO

Karachi, May 15.

It was officially announced today that the Pakistan Government has accepted the invitation of the Philippine Government to attend a conference at Baguio on May 20.

Two officials, Dr. Nazir Ahmad, President of the Pakistan Tariff Commission, and Professor Ahmad Ali, Deputy Secretary of the Foreign Ministry, who are attending the Commonwealth Conference in Sydney, have been asked to proceed to the Philippines after the conference.

It has further been made clear that the conference will discuss the economic and social problems of South-East Asian countries and has nothing to do with the formation of any bloc or defensive military alliance.—Associated Press.

The United States Secretary of State, Dean Acheson, who was chairman, opened the meeting with his evaluation of the cold war. He told the Council the cold war would last indefinitely and that prompt and vigorous steps must be taken by the West now to prevent a third World War. He outlined the Soviet threat in the West and the successful Soviet rearmament programme which is nearing fruition.

If Soviet power can be matched with Western strength, Mr. Acheson believes, then the possibility of another war can be greatly decreased.

The British Foreign Secretary, Ernest Bevin, and the French Foreign Minister, Robert Schuman, followed and then the other nine Ministers spoke and participated in discussion. Urgency was the keynote of the discussions—the need for decisive and quick action, especially in building up Western defences to the point where they can defend every inch of Western land against Russia if the occasion arises.

The talks are being held in strict secrecy and a member of the delegation for a big power said, "We cannot tell the enemy what we are talking about."

### Acheson's review

Mr. Acheson reviewed "cold war" developments in detail when he presided at the opening of four days of Atlantic Pact talks.

The Western statesmen met to tackle the critical cold war problem of how the Western world's defences can be strengthened and how this can be paid for without lowering existing standards of living.

Mr. Acheson's opening review followed the pattern set by his already known plans for a concerted effort to stop the East's policy by total diplomacy, usually reliable sources said tonight. It contained no sensational new points.

Countries represented in the Atlantic Council are Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Britain, Iceland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal and the United States.

At the end of their day's conference, the Foreign Ministers issued the following communiqué: "The Foreign Ministers took part in a general review of the progress achieved by the North Atlantic Treaty Powers in the course of the last year and had an exchange of views on world political developments as they affect the security and well-being of the parties in the light of the objectives of the North Atlantic Treaty."

The Ministers declared that they would meet tomorrow to give detailed consideration to the reports submitted by the defence, financial and economic committees.

### Differences of opinion?

Signs that there may be differences of opinion among the Atlantic Pact nations on how aggressively the West must now fight the cold war emerged today.

The "Big Three"—France, the United States and Britain—have decided that they must counter Soviet moves vigorously. But the speeches made by the statesmen of some of the smaller nations today are believed to have criticised this attitude.

Many pleaded that measures should be avoided which might endanger the existence of the United Nations.

All the 12 Foreign Ministers, however, are believed to have endorsed the general conclusions on the cold war reached by the conference of British, French and American Foreign Ministers last week-end.

They concurred on the gravity of present relations with the Soviet, and none of the statesmen raised any objections at this initial meeting of the Atlantic Pact Council to the defence, military and economic measures which are to be set in motion in the next few days.

### General debate

Both morning and afternoon sessions of today's meeting were spent in a general debate on the world situation with each Minister in turn rising to give his view.

It was started off by Mr. Acheson who was followed by Mr. Robert Schuman (France) and then by Mr. Ernest Bevin (Britain).

Mr. Halvard Lange (Norway) and Mr. Paul Van Zeeland (Belgium) are both understood to have made long and major contributions to the day's discussion.

The Foreign Ministers are not due to meet in full session until tomorrow afternoon when they expect to get down seriously to the big problem they have to tackle—how to strengthen the West's defence and how to pay for it without lowering existing standards of living.

Working parties will spend the morning thrashing out such questions as the contributions member States must give in money, arms and manpower to defence system.

### British policy changing

Behind the scenes here, in this hectic period of diplomatic activity, observers believe that the international negotiations of the past week have brought an important change in British policy.

There are indications that it has shifted in the direction of fuller economic co-operation with the rest of Western Europe.

This development is understood to be taking two distinct forms:

(1) Britain, having received assurances that all other interested Powers recognise the special position of the Sterling Area, is on the verge of putting forward new and constructive proposals for her entry into the European Payments Union.

(2) Having made a preliminary examination of the detailed version of the Schuman Plan for a European coal and steel merger, she is prepared to welcome a Franco-German merger and to study seriously the possibility of participating in the United Press and Reuter.

## May Day arrest



An unidentified woman is escorted in Trafalgar Square, London, after a "May Day" demonstration by the London Trades Council. Clashes with police occurred when several thousand people converged on the square. (AP Photo).

## Kai Tak Dramatic Society present play

The Kai Tak Amateur Dramatic Society presented its latest play "Jane Stops Out" at Royal Air Force, Kai Tak on May 11, 12 and 13. Several new faces were seen in the cast and the Society should have no qualms regarding its future productions, judging by the performances given by the latest additions to what is now regarded as one of the keenest centres of amateur acting in the Colony.

Mrs. Axten as Jane gave one of the most polished performances seen on the amateur stage for some time; her transformation from "plain Jane and no nonsense" to the sophisticated Jane "out to get her man" will be remembered for a long time by all who saw the show.

## Dr. Sander working on the land

Manchester, Massachusetts.

Dr. Hermann Sander, stripped of his medical licence, is now plowing farms at \$4 an hour to keep his family eating, friends of the doctor said today.

The physician, acquitted in a mercy murder case, has started hiring out with a Roto tiller, he formerly used on his garden, and is taking every job he can get.

George Woodbury, chairman of the Dr. Hermann Sander Fund, said that though \$21,000 had been contributed to aid the doctor, the fund was never geared to meet anything beyond post-trial expenses. The court fees have taken up most of the contributions.

Dr. Sander was acquitted of a murder charge following the death of a cancer patient, into whose veins he allegedly pumped air to cause death and end her suffering.—United Press.

## BRITON RELEASED BY RUSSIANS

Berlin, May 15. John Mortimer, British soldier who was arrested by the Russian zone People's Police on May 8, was released today, British authorities announced.—Associated Press.

## Yugoslavs clamp down in Trieste

Trieste, May 16. The Yugoslav occupation authorities today clamped a complete blockade on all movement from their zone of Trieste to the Zone occupied by the Anglo-American forces.

No passengers arrived by the normal coastal steamer and no cargo crossed the frontier between the two Zones. No explanation was offered by the Yugoslav side in the Anglo-American Zone.

Today's message followed a number of similar acts in the past two weeks, which considerably restricted the normal movement of traffic to and from the city.—Reuter.

## Dutch child found after eight years

Singapore, May 16.

Thirteen-year-old Bertha de Hartogh, daughter of a Dutch Army sergeant, who had been given up as lost for eight years, has been found.

When the Japanese invaded Java in 1942, Bertha's parents gave their five-year-old child to their aunt because they feared for her safety. They were captured and interned.

When they were liberated in 1945 they began a search for Bertha, but could not find her. Finally they went home to Holland.

For nearly eight years Bertha lived as a Malay child, wearing a sarong and bolero and going to a Malay school.

She lived with the amah in a Malay village in Trengganu State.

Recently the District Officer at Kemaman in Trengganu reported that the fair-haired girl might be Bertha. Her identity was soon verified.

Bertha, who speaks only Malay, does not know how to use a knife and fork and did not want to leave the amah, whom she looks upon as her mother. The amah did not want to part with the child.

Bertha will sail for Holland soon.—Associated Press.

## DETERIORATING SITUATION IN GERMANY

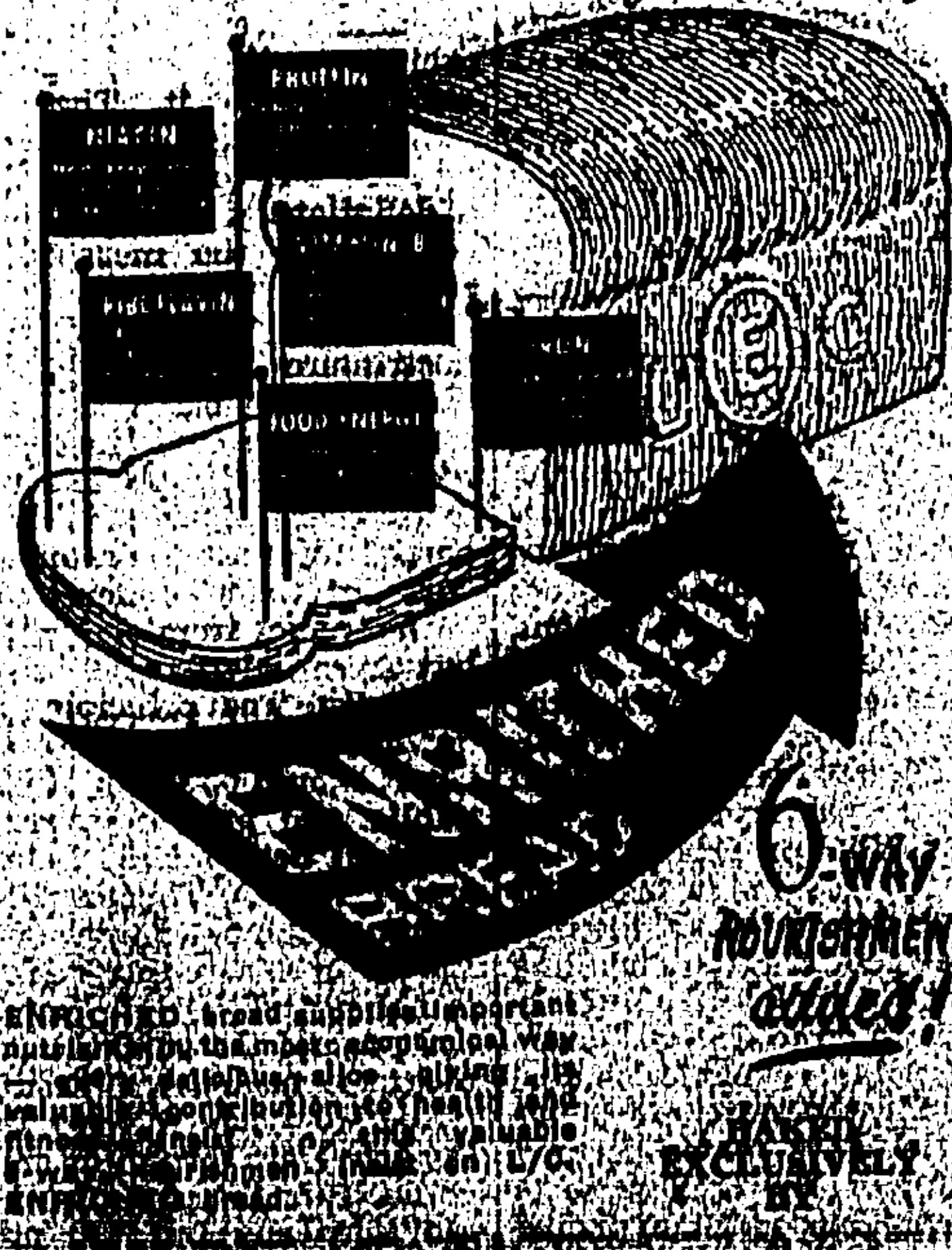
Washington, May 15.

The West German Chancellor, Konrad Adenauer, says it cannot be denied that the atmosphere has deteriorated between the West German Government and the Allies in recent months.

He said in a copyrighted interview published by the U.S. News and World Report, "Independent weekly news magazines, the one could not understand the excitement over the recent signing of the third version of 'Deutschland über Alles' because the words are nice."

Dr. Adenauer declared that Germany's chief objectives today are to build houses and to keep the peace. He does not think war will occur as a result of the current Berlin developments, including the Communist youth demonstration planned for May 28.—Associated Press.

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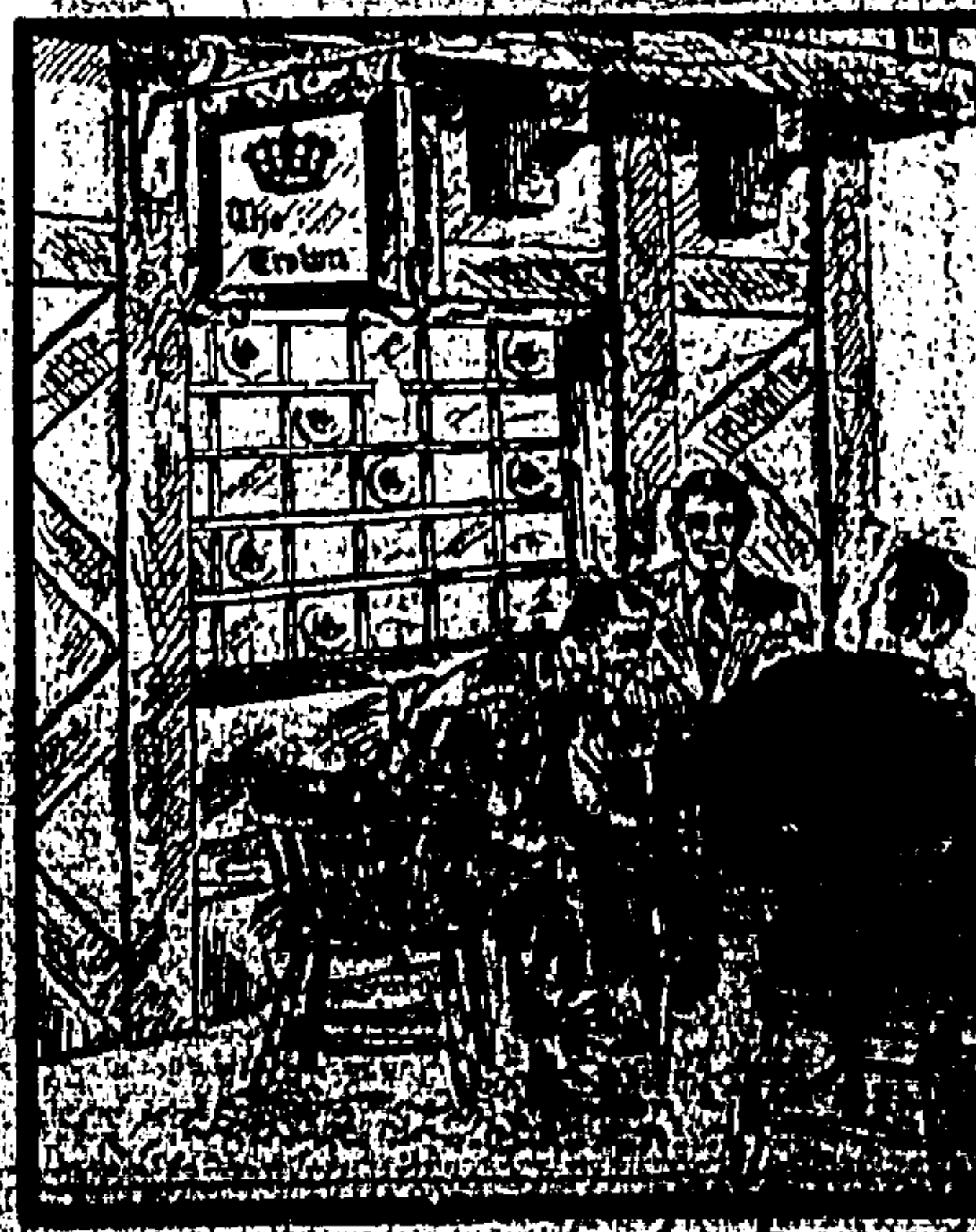
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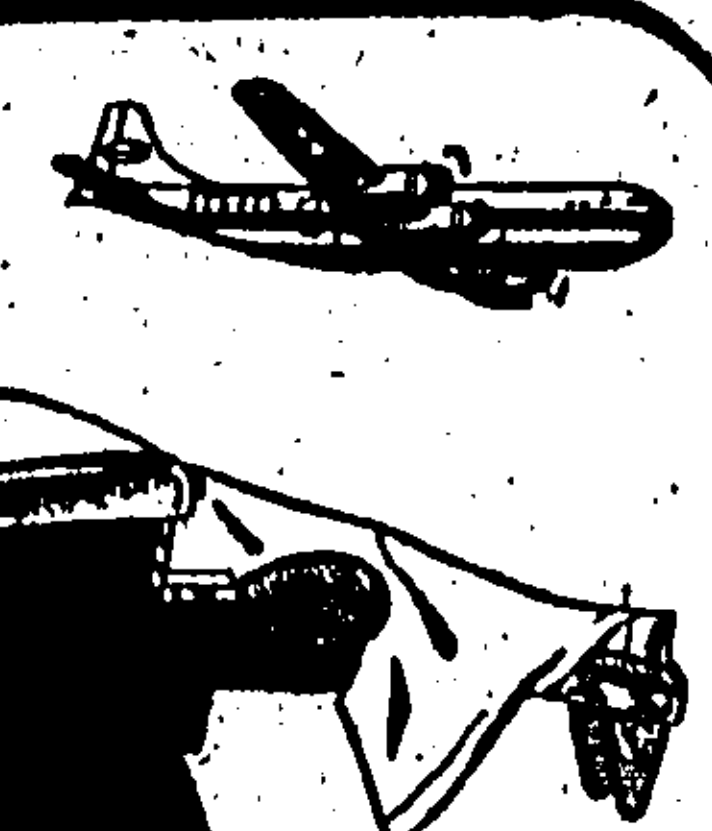
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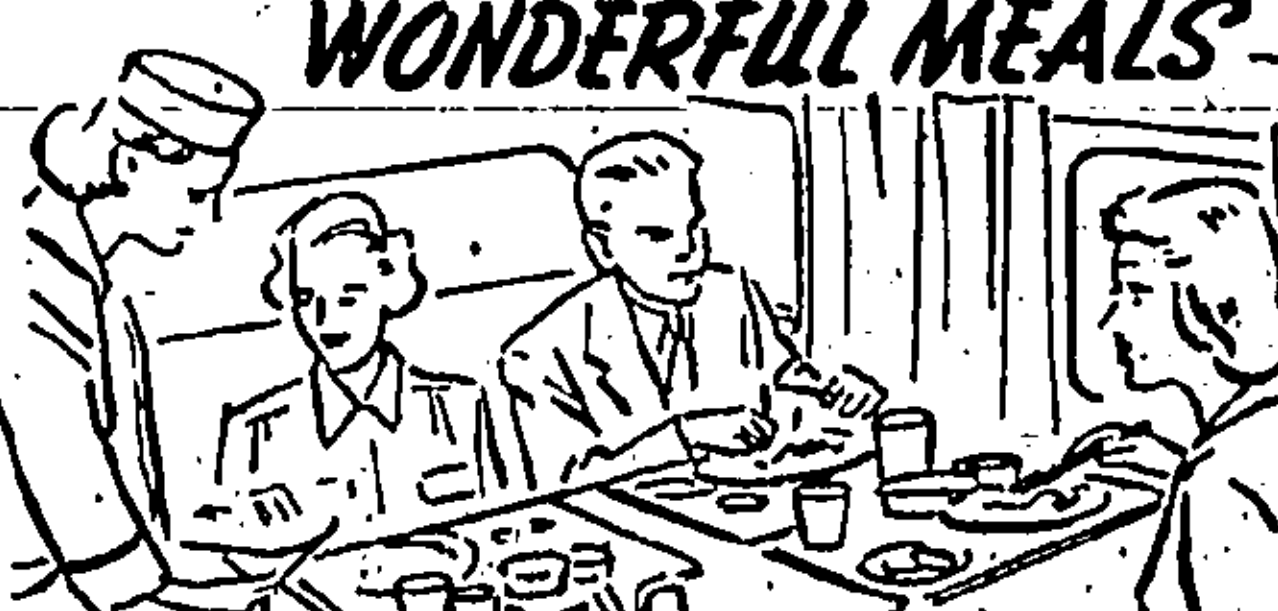
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**BIRTH**

BOYLE—To Josephine Ann wife of Major J. Boyle on May 10th at Queen Mary Hospital a daughter.

### DEAD STOP TO DEAD SLOW

Two months ago the People's Government in Peking stopped the inflation of the currency and the rise in prices. It also stopped almost the entire economic machine. The State seized the controls, but the machine would not and could not go. The banks were choked with cash they could not use, the industrialists had neither raw materials nor the credit facilities to get them, the people had no cash, great numbers were out of work, the farmer had no grain left to sell and no future which the local merchant could finance with credit.

The process went so far that, according to the Peking Radio, in the East China area alone (which includes Shanghai) "stabilisation" had resulted in the calling in of 65.16 per cent more currency than the original target. By the end of April, depositors' accounts in this area showed a total of nearly 2,940 billion people's dollars—almost double the total at the beginning of the month. Of the two achievements—stability and stagnation—it is doubtful which was the more astounding. Inflation destroyed the value of cash. Deflation hit the commodity units and brought down the prices of goods. People hoarded currency instead of goods, and all was deathly quiet on the economic front.

Now the Government is trying to prime the pump. The Tientsin branch of the People's Bank has signed an agreement with the group of private banks in Tientsin with the object of relieving the paralysis of banking, industrial and trading activity. Idle capital now concentrated in the private banks will be channelled into industry, not direct, but through the People's Bank, which will thus retain complete control of such loans and credit. Thereby any industry or undertaking whose output offends the ideas of the wizards of the new State economy can still be throttled, and undertakings which minister to policy will get the credit facilities to carry on.

Deposits in private banks in Tientsin apparently amount to the fabulous sum of 65 billion people's dollars. Of this 10 per cent is being transferred at once to the People's Bank, while additional transfers of five per cent will be made monthly under the new agreement, which is valid for three months as from May 1. The private banks will receive interest two per cent higher than they are paying on fixed deposits. What proportion of the cash they hold is in that category is not stated. Of the first 10 per cent transfer, totalling six and a half billion, nearly half is to go to one of China's most notable chemical industries for the purchase of industrial raw materials and dyestuffs. The credits are to be available to State industries as well as private enterprises. One can well guess where the emphasis will lie. Similar arrangements are also being effected in Hankow. Much will depend on how

## Fireside Echoes—No. 9:

# A GUILD FOR THIEVES

By Wm. M.S. Brand

All the foreign residences were constructed with wide built-in verandahs, especially facing South and South West: the older houses with these verandahs on all four sides. To keep out the daytime glare sun-blinds are used, these being down after breakfast and rolled up about tea-time. It was a habit in our family to have a cup of early morning tea served on the bedroom verandah.

That night I went to bed earlier than usual as my parents had a small dinner party arranged and these house-parties seldom broke up before midnight. We had staying with us at the time a young and very eccentric French Consul whose room adjoined mine. Long before my parents came up the stairs with their guest both my ayah and I heard someone moving round the adjoining room, but we did not pay particular attention as we thought it must be the house-keeper attending the oil-lamps.

At the top of the stairs my parents hid their guest "good-night" and as the Consul's door shut mine opened admitting mother to bid me "good-night" and to tell me I could have a big helping of ice-cream next morning with my tea and that before coming upstairs she had ordered cook to freeze it with plenty of sliced bananas.

While my mother was sitting on my bed telling me something about the night's party, there was a sudden and awful commotion in the adjoining room, and then our guest's voice crying, "Help, Brand help!" It was always father's habit to air himself with a poker in any house emergency. Thus armed he entered the Consul's room to find it in complete disorder, but not a sign of any body.

The verandah doors were open, but everything was darkness without, yet the sounds of heavy breathing were coming from somewhere out there. Close to the wooden balustrade father found them. The Consul was on his back with a naked and elated Chinese sitting on top, choking the life out of him with one hand and trying to unseath a wicked knife attached to a G-string with the other.

**Handy poker**

The poker came in handy at this juncture. There was nothing else to do at that hour but to truss the intruder up, so ropes from the sun-blinds were cut and used to bind the fellow up. The Consul was little, brawny, though completely exhausted. He said he was not sure how it all started. Entering the room and closing the door he then slipped off his dinner-jacket, crossed to the dressing-table where he divested himself of collar and tie, then opened the verandah doors. He was bending over unlacing the last shoe when something soft and yielding fell heavily against him from behind hurling him face-down to the carpet at the same time plunging his arms. He tried his best to come to grips with his

the authorities operate the new arrangements. They can be used to keep private industry going or to expedite expropriation. The slipping of the currency and the rise in prices which followed so soon after the establishment of the Peking Government gave the Communists a fright which played into the hands of the extremists, who forthwith prepared for a drastic extension of State controls and State trading enterprises. The economic side of the Common Programme went down the drain as swiftly as the political side of it. The inflationary fright was cured by such drastic processes that a deflationary fright followed. Hence the measure of deflation now adopted.

Flexibility is better than doctrinaire inflexibility, but these rushes backward and forward are too fast and furious by half. At the moment there appears to be a partial return to the economic part of the Common Programme, not from conviction, but from alarm and sheer necessity. The principle laid down therein was that account should be taken of both public and private interests, so as to benefit both Labour and Capital. The modified argument now—as used by Li Li-san in his recent address to Labour officials—is that for the present the supreme problem is inadequate production. He made it clear that the economic revolution must go on. It is therefore hard to see how any but the most highly favoured State industries will be encouraged to fight down the paralysis that has fallen upon it when it is under a measure of State control.

assault, but found that impossible.

His attacker was lithe and shrewd and smothered in oil. He did, however, get a grip of the fellow's pig-tail and that was when he shouted for help. The intruder then lost nerve and held for the verandah, leaving behind in the Consul's hand the false end of the pig-tail. He admitted he was foolish to continue the unequal struggle, but in the excitement followed the chase with the result as known. Our guest spent the night in the spare room and we all gathered together on the bedroom verandah for early morning tea, first removing the prisoner out of sight round the corner. Then we all went in to check up the damage. Except for a small pile of discarded slippers, nothing in the Consul's room was broken but behind a couch across a corner lay a small dirty linen bundle. It was left undisturbed.

The house-boy was instructed to get hold of "ma k'wai" as soon as possible, meanwhile tidy up the room and see that water was being served first and punctually at 7.15 and it had to be piping-hot with the cover of the Ningpo bath-tub in place. The bath-room showed, but the verandah where there was a yell from the direction of father's bath-room. There the water-cooler had made a discovery.

Not only had someone cat-like climbed the house by way of the somewhat flimsy zinc-plate drain-pipe, entering the bath-room window in the verandah, but he had left their clothes behind a jacket and trousers of black-velveted pongee silk.

**Razor vanishes**

The next thing that happened was the Consul rapping on father's door to enquire if he might have the use of a spare razor as, strange to say, his had mysteriously vanished. Father led him to his medicine-cupboard in the bath-room, when, lo! and behold, father's own weekly set and every spare cut-throat blade had vanished. That was not all. Mother, seated at her dressing-table with amah doing her hair, spied an "out-of-the-place" box of matches at the back of the table and a pair of nail-scissors missing from her manicure set. Two gentlemen attended the breakfast table that morning with stubbled chins.

## Life in Moscow—No. 3:

# Father Stalin's children

To many a Soviet youngster, like four-year-old S. Serge Baranov, now starting his career at a Moscow kindergarten, it must seem that childhood is, indeed, the happiest time of one's life.

Russians have always loved young people and had a natural talent for handling them. Under the Soviet regime children are cherished for political as well as human reasons.

All Soviet education has the double aim of (1) raising a new generation completely loyal to the present regime, and (2) training youth to serve usefully the Communist cause. Throughout their youth Serge and his schoolmates will be cheered by the happy gospel that they are luckier than children of any other land, both because they are citizens of the world's most progressive country and also because they are under the personal protection of the all-wise and all-seeing Father Joseph Stalin.

**Taking the oath**

In every school—across the Union—you will find the entrances and classrooms dominated by smiling portraits or statues of Great Father, often shown holding a child in his arms. The school songs praise Stalin's name, and when Serge is old enough to become a Young Pioneer he will take the oath of allegiance: "I promise and swear, face to face with my comrades, that I will always strive to carry on the work of Lenin and Stalin, and fight for the victory of Communism."

All Serge's lessons will have as their basic aim to teach him to be a good Communist. His history lessons will deal almost exclusively with the story of Russia since the Revolution. "Literature" will mean mainly the study of the Russian classics. The science master will teach Serge that Russians have fathered all the world's discoveries.

**Much hard work**

But on the purely technical side, children are drilled, and mathematics, geometry, and physics are taught with much hard work. It is expected from them

The missing razors, the scissors, a thimble, and several banks of coloured embroidery silks from mother's work-basket, were found in the bundle deposited in the Consul's room. The intruder confessed to it being his handiwork and "ma k'wai" bundled him off to the police station.

That afternoon father had occasion to visit the Custom House and did so on foot using a little-known thoroughfare behind the Canton Guild. Here, seated on her door-step working on a panel of embroidery, he came upon a well-dressed elderly woman. Beside her in a small basket lay all manner of odds and ends in the way of sewing materials. On top, staring him in the face, was his mother-in-law's missing gilt-handled scissors. And from that pair of scissors 99 per cent of the articles lost by foreign residents through this plague of burglaries were recovered.

It was tedious work, though. First the old lady's house was searched and a bundle of pawn tickets came to light. Some of these covered other pawn tickets, and so on.

The prisoner was captured, was infuriated by the pretty daughter of the old lady, but had insufficient money to marry. The pawn tickets not only explained a considerable sum of money in those days, so it was thought the daughter had egged him on to please her mother with these stolen things; only to pawn them quickly for her own account.

Anyhow, the daughter was not seen again. The wretched youth was placed in cage, manacled hand and foot, and spent two weeks outside the front entrance of every residence he had entered. What happened to him at the police station is not known, but they got his life story right. I later learnt from "ma k'wai".

**An orphan**

The youth was an orphan at Ningpo adopted by an uncle who was a junk-owner. He was brought up on his vessel and treated as a deck-hand and for many years was shown no particular privileges. He absconded at Amoy and eventually got tangled with a vicious gang of opium smugglers. He avoided them and made his way to Poochow on foot.

There he found danger all round him as the whole waterfront knew his uncle well, so he confided in the inn-keeper who was befriending him. This man was a receiver, operating the inn as a blind.

Every week during his school career Serge will have details of his work entered up in a "classroom passport," which has to be regularly signed by his parents and which will form a permanent record of his abilities.

If Serge does well, his name will be mentioned in the school's "wall newspaper," his photograph may be displayed in the corridors along with those of other "star" pupils, or he will receive medals and certificates.

By Gordon Young

If he does badly, his father and mother will be invited to take part in one of the frequent "parents' councils" in an effort to clear up the boy's troubles.

Soviet educationalists advocate training as far as possible through reason, and rewards. There is virtually no corporal punishment. Serge, when he goes to a proper school, will work a six-day week, with 25 different classes when he is young and about 30 as he rises in the school.

There will always be a lot of homework, and his parents will be asked by school officials to see that he does it properly. Some but not all schools provide good, cheap, midday meals.

For the children of certain privileged groups there are special boarding-schools, like the Suvorov Academy for the sons of Red Army officers.

Because of the continued shortage of accommodation some schools still have to work in shifts, like factories, so that Serge may go to school sometimes between 8 and 2 at other times between 3 and 9 at other times. But Father Stalin spares no expense. Last year's Budget allocated R. 5,000,000,000 (2,007,000,000) to education. Moscow papers say there are now about 200,000 schools in the Soviet Union, attended by 24,000,000 children and staffed by 1,400,000 teachers of whom 900,000 are women. Right now there is a big drive on for more and better children's books. The Moscow Literary Gazette says that 1,000,000 copies of 1,000 books for young people have been published in the

It was not difficult to enter the youth. He was made a member of the Thieves' Guild. He had nothing to worry about. He had dingy quarters, but the rice and food were ample and of good quality. He had to hand over to the inn-keeper two silver dollars each month; otherwise did the same. This was the Guild's fee for "protection," provided whatever work he accomplished at any time bore the Guild's mark in addition to his personal sign.

The mysterious box of matches left in a very foolish place told "ma k'wai" at once it was the work of a Guild and committed by an experienced member thereof; that no entry to any residence had been forced told him to look out for a young and very agile member. What was that person's private mark? Why were scissors taken from every residence, and costly jewellery satisfied him as to the owner of the match-box mark; but it was quite by chance the thief gave himself away.

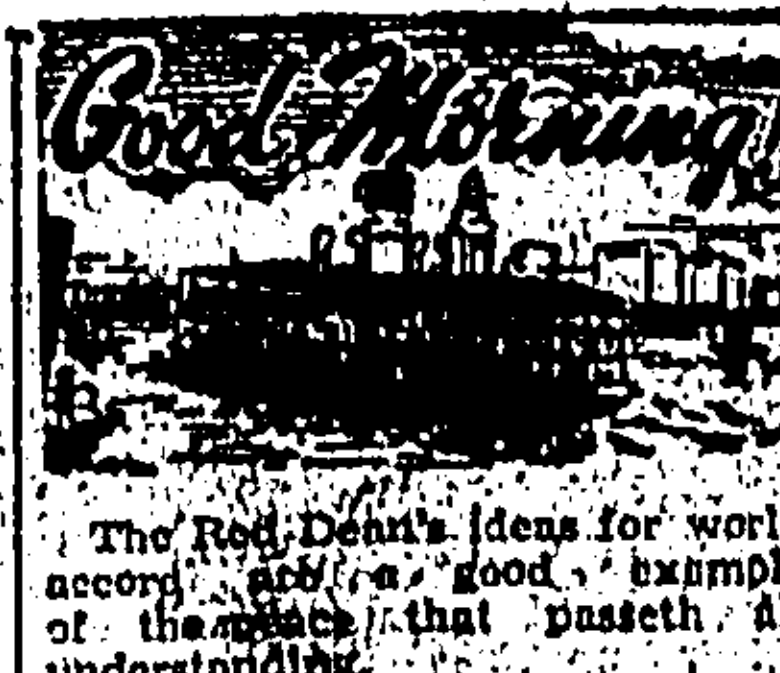
Thus many years ago I was initiated into the fascinating working of Chinese Guilds, more especially those institutions of this name catering to the so-called underworld. There exist any number of these who go about their appointed businesses, both at home and abroad, methodically and efficiently. Invariably seal each transaction. The Western hemisphere gets all heckled up periodically with such individuals as Al Capone and such institutions as Murder, Incorporated. Granted their work makes the blood freeze; but for sheer, stark, icy-cold, terror, delve into the tragedies enacted daily this side of the Pacific.

**Peaceful fellow**

But I am glad to say my provincial Fukienese on the whole is a peaceful, law-abiding fellow. He likes a spot of pinac now and then, holds a chop up for ransom if the opportunity offers too; but draws the line at spilling blood unless he is forced to.

Outside leadership invariably will be found responsible for such extreme action: the provincial keener to tap those who are well off, to be tapped, and who are these underworld Guilds is undoubtedly the Beggars Guild with vast ramifications all over the country. Their mark is too dreadful for words: it is in the piteously and purposely distorted human wreckage met with, wherever you go and the crying shame is that succeeding governments have proved themselves powerless to lift a little finger to reform this evil.

(To be continued)



The Red Devil's idea for world peace is a "good" example of the "peace" that passeth all understanding.

Myrtle suggests it might be appropriate for the Khams couple to call their daughter Storm.

It is perhaps strange that it was Communists, and so-operative, which the Indian police found in a place called Divi.

This business of putting firecrackers in bottles is far from new in Hong Kong. Friend of mine had some stuff in a Nathan Road joint on Saturday night and it took him all Sunday to recover.

I see the Filipinos are afraid they are fighting a losing battle against Communist infiltration.

In "all seriousness" having looked at the record, I feel there would be no harm in re-naming it Albuhera.

And with the new teeth they are putting into the fort, the Commies are said to be considering changing the name to "Boca Tigers."

"U.S. grain experts" are said to have declined by 25 per cent. Their newspaper grain experts have declined even further.

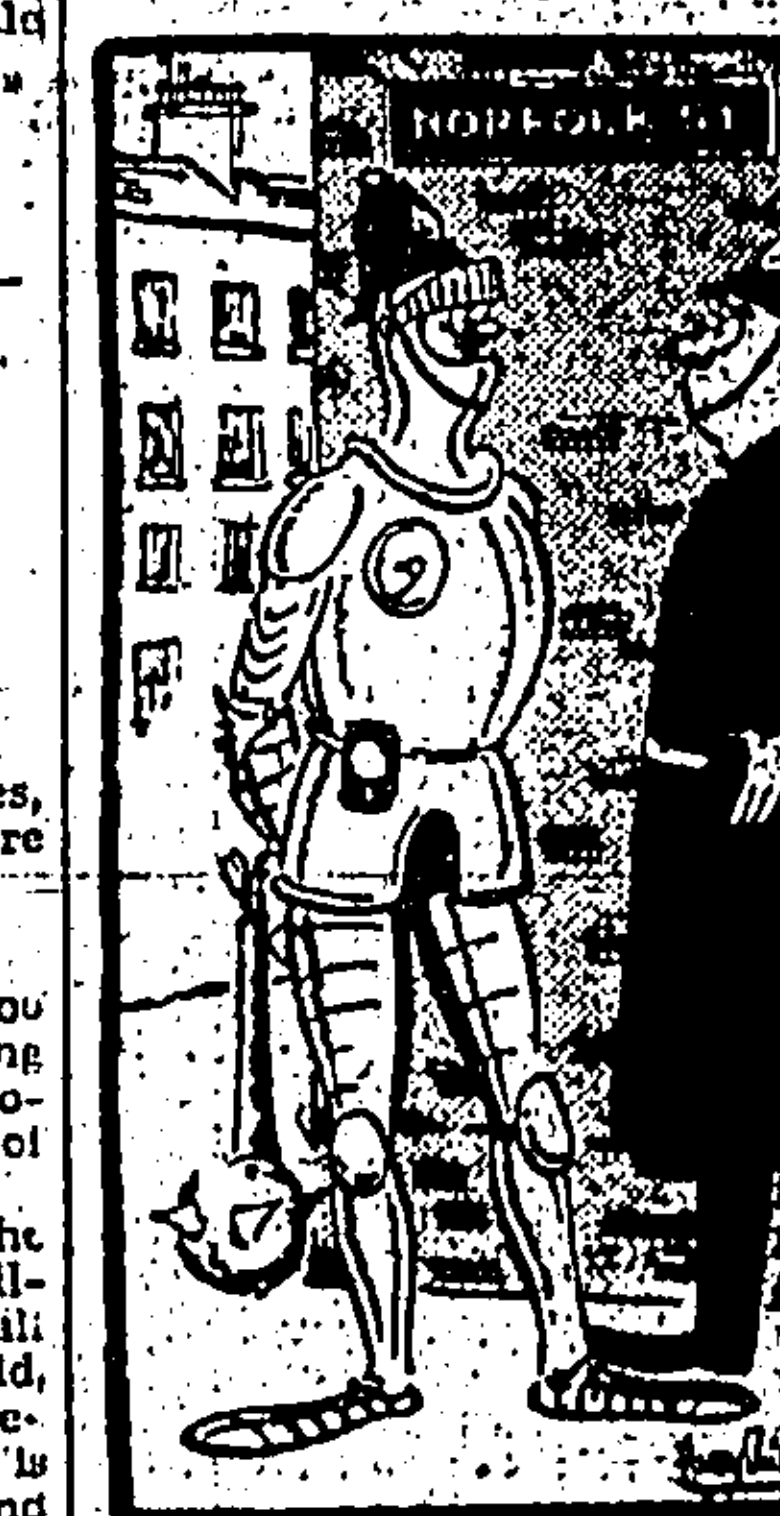
Judging by yesterday's news, the Turkish delight in election surprises.

Over in Canada they're saying that this floodwater invasion is only what you might expect of something called the Red River.

Charged with concealing seven storage tanks, the Texaco Company in Nanking is reported to have handed oil of them over to the Commies.

In Paris racecourse punters have decided it's no use kicking against the Prix.

Scientists say life on Mars is practically impossible. Well, it's getting that way here.



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## Queen Mary at show



Queen Mary is seen here as she leaves the Phoenix Theatre, London, after attending the play "The Way Things Go." During the interval, members of the cast were presented to the Queen Mother. (AP Photo).

## MR. GRIFFITHS ON POSITION OF HONG KONG

London, May 15.

Mr. James Griffiths, Colonial Secretary, said here today that against the background of tremendous events of world significance that had taken place in China, the British Government had made clear their intention to maintain their position in Hong Kong.

Though developments in China had had a disturbing effect on the life of the Colony, he added, it had managed to remain a relative oasis of peace and prosperity in the Far East. Mr. Griffiths was speaking at a luncheon given by British industrialists in honour of the Hong Kong Chinese trade delegation to Britain.

In a week's time Mr. Griffiths flies to Malaya, but, he said today, he will not have time to visit Hong Kong whose people were nevertheless meeting a very difficult and delicate situation. Reviewing Hong Kong's trade achievements during last year, Mr. Griffiths said imports and exports had amounted to £217,000,000, an increase of 30 per cent over the total for 1948.

## Note of caution

Satisfactory, however, as the trade figures were, a note of caution must be sounded when examining the prospects for Hong Kong's trade in the coming year, for the Colony must always be at the mercy of events over which it had little control. Whatever troubles lay ahead he was sure Hong Kong would meet them with all the courage, enterprise and adaptability that its businessmen had always shown in the past. The Chinese leader of the Hong Kong trade delegation, Mr. Ngai Shu-ki, said that they looked to the future with con-

## ANGLO-U.S. ANTI-RED MOVES

Washington, May 15.

The State Department announced today that the United States and Great Britain will confer in London on May 20 on the adoption of a broad new anti-Communist information programme throughout the world.

The announcement said that the Assistant Secretary of State, Edward W. Barrett, will represent the United States in the conversations, which have the ultimate objective of bringing information about the free world to the people behind the iron curtain via hundreds of radio transmitters and any other means which may be found appropriate. The State Department spokesman, Lincoln White, told the Press that the United States and Britain will take the lead in urging the other free nations of the world to fight Soviet or Soviet-inspired propaganda wherever it may be, in its global sense.

Mr. White said informal conferences are now being held by the United States with virtually all free nations on this question. The London conference would give the United States the benefit of the British thinking, and at the same time show them what the United States has in mind for future information campaigns. The State Department revealed that Britain and the United States are already using some 70 transmitters in the half-hour programme in the morning and evening in the Russian language. The announcement said it is hoped to bring additional transmitters into operation, although figures published here that 100 such transmitters may now be operating, are inaccurate at the moment.—United Press.

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## EMPIRE MASTER PLAN TO FIGHT COMMUNISM

Urgent problems being discussed at Sydney

## "RACE AGAINST TIME"

Sydney, May 15.

The delegates of seven British Commonwealth countries met here today to decide the first moves in a "master plan" to bolster South and South East Asian countries against Communism.

After the first day's sittings of the Commonwealth Consultative Council, set up following January's Colombo conference, this communique was issued. "A discussion was commenced on proposals of the respective Governments for implementation of recommendations of the Colombo conference.

"Suggestions were made for raising the living standards of the peoples of the area. The discussion will continue tomorrow."

## AFRICAN ISSUE AT HAGUE

The Hague, May 15.

The International Court of Justice at The Hague will tomorrow begin hearings on the future of South West Africa.

The status of the territory had been debated in the United Nations ever since the organisation was founded. South West Africa was the only League mandate not placed under the trusteeship system when it began.

Written statements have been submitted by India, the United Kingdom, Egypt, Poland, South Africa and the United States.

Oral statements will be given this week by Dr. Ivan Kerno, for the United Nations, Dr. L. C. Steyn, assisted by Dr. L. Wessels, for South Africa, and Judge Josefa Ingles for the Philippines.

Mr. H. N. Iau, who was to have put India's case orally, has been prevented from coming by illness. India has made a last-minute withdrawal from oral presentation.

The International League for the Rights of Man, which is sponsoring the Rev. Michael Scott, the British missionary who brought the case of the Herero tribe to the attention of the Trusteeship Council last December, is also expected to be present.

The oral hearings are expected to end this week. The Court's decision, in the form of an advisory opinion publicly delivered, is expected within a few weeks. The General Assembly will then consider the opinion.—Reuter.

## MR. TRUMAN ON OBSTRUCTIONISTS

Chicago, May 15.

President Truman told a group of Democratic rally here tonight that he hoped some of the "obstructionists" who have opposed his "Fair Deal" programme would be ousted from office in the November Congressional elections.

A 21-gun salute greeted the President when he arrived in the nation's second largest city and Mid-West "capital" tonight for the climax of his train tour—a national Democratic conference and Thomas Jefferson Jubilee celebration of the Party faithful. Chicago civic leaders, including some Republicans, raised \$250,000 to pay for the show, which included a torch-lit two-mile parade with 7,000 Illinois National Guardsmen (Territorials) in the line of march.

In his speech tonight the President gave this summary of his Party's creed: "We do not share the delusions of the extreme Left. We reject the godless theories of Communism. We believe in the free will of man and in the democratic exercise of his rights as a human being."—Reuter.

When the conference opened this morning, Mr. Percy Spender, Australian Minister for External Affairs, sounded its keynote.

"Great visions are not always realised," he told the delegates of India, Pakistan, Britain, Canada, Ceylon and New Zealand. "But we can steadfastly try to make them come true."

The delegates are meeting at Admiralty House, the Sydney residence of Mr. W. J. McKell, Australian Governor-General. They are expected to hold daily sessions for about a week.

After this morning's opening addresses, reporters were excluded.

## Race against time

Australian newspapers have taken a keen interest in the discussion.

A "Sydney Sun" editorial today said, "As Communism floods down from the North, the work of the South East Asia conference becomes more and more a race against time. The delegates who meet today can be under no illusion about the urgency of their problems." The editorial said that the delegates were meeting to pool ideas in an effort to put "body and bones" into the "Spender Plan" drawn up at the Colombo conference.

Its originator, Mr. Spender, said today, "The aims and objects we had in mind at the Colombo talks have become more urgent."

These things had to be combatted in Asia:

(1) Low standards of living. (2) Dislocated domestic economies and overseas trade. (3) Special difficulties arising from the growth of new national Governments.

Mr. Spender said that the first stages of preparation might include technical assistance from outside, help in establishing indigenous training institutes and administration techniques, and steps by the Governments of the countries concerned to "mobilise" savings for development purposes.

## Beyond Empire alone

In the early stages the level of assistance required was undoubtedly beyond the capacity of the Commonwealth alone.

"What we can do is to make a start by formulating plans in accordance with our resources and by encouraging countries in the area to operate wide internal programmes," he said.

The proposals would require the support and co-operation of other countries and of any international bodies in a position to assist.

Mr. Spender referred to the United States which, he said, has already indicated great interest in the question of economic aid for South and South East Asia.

Lord Macdonald, leader of the British delegation, said, "that though economic planning in South East Asia would be very difficult, 'I am satisfied that we shall deal with that task successfully.'"

The delegates of each country pledged their assistance—as much as their resources and previous commitments allowed—to a task they all recognise as vital.—Reuter.

## Autonomy for Portuguese India

Bombay, May 16.

Portuguese possessions in India—Goa, Daman and Diu—will soon be granted autonomy and be in a position to control their own fiscal and administrative affairs, according to Monsigneur Castilho Noronha, representative of Portuguese India in the Portuguese Parliament.

Mr. Noronha, who arrived here yesterday from Lisbon, added that the National Assembly in Lisbon had already been vested with revolutionary powers to modify the Colonial Act.

He stated that the Portuguese colonies would in future be known as overseas provinces and the Minister of Colonies as the Overseas Minister.

The present advisory council in Goa—hitherto a consultative body—would be given deliberative powers, he added.—Reuter.

## FANATICS BOMB CPR BRIDGE

Grand Forks, British Columbia, May 15.

The Canadian Pacific Railway's 137-foot steel bridge at Grand Forks was bombed last night in what the police today termed a reprisal raid by members of the fanatical Doukhobor sect.

The bridge, 125 miles East of Vancouver, was badly damaged, apparently by a home-made bomb following the arrest on Sunday of 40 members of the sect on charges of arson and parading in the nude.

Nude parades are a feature of the sect's long standing campaign against "man-made laws"—Associated Press.

## Much building to be done in SE Asia

New York, May 15.

"The Times" editorial commenting on the British London decisions regarding South East Asia as revealed in the official communique, said today:

"These areas of agreement and their decisions do not themselves constitute a basis for a vigorous policy of containment of aggressive Communism, nor do they, as they stand, make a solid commitment to defend the area."

"They now, however, recognise the danger that exists and take some of the steps toward meeting it. They are positive. Upon them much can be built but there is much building to do and still further foundations to be laid for it."—United Press.

## AMAZING NIAGARA RESCUE

Niagara Falls, New York, May 15.

Two men in a helicopter risked their lives today to save a woman clinging to a rock 300 yards above Horseshoe Falls in the Niagara River.

A dramatic rescue was effected with a second helicopter after the first had plucked its two occupants into the water and exploded.

The woman, Mrs. Janette Bugay, aged 25, of Niagara Falls, was taken to hospital suffering from shock and exposure.

Her husband, Sigmund, a taxi-cab driver, said she had been ill for some time after a nervous breakdown.

Two Park employees heard her screaming as she clung to a rock in the river with its 15 miles per hour current.

One fastened a rope around his waist and waded into the river to rescue her but the current swept him from his feet and he had to be hauled back to the shore. The police were notified.

The Bell Aircraft Corporation sent a helicopter with pontoons, which set down on the water near the woman, but nosed over, dumping its two occupants, and the engine exploded.

The two men, Joseph Cannon, aged 30, and Owen Niehaus, aged 28, struggled back on board.

The helicopter drifted toward the Falls. It caught on a rock, however, and the men managed to push Mrs. Bugay to the under-carriage while they awaited help.

A second helicopter sent by the Bell Aircraft Corporation arrived and hovered low enough to drop one end of a rope ashore and the other end to the stranded pilots. The rope was then used to pull a rowboat from the shore to the wrecked helicopter.

Mrs. Bugay and Niehaus were first towed ashore and Cannon made the second hop.

How Mrs. Bugay got onto the rock was still undetermined today.—Associated Press.

## JACHYM TO BE CONSECRATED

Vatican City, May 15.

Dr. Franz Jachym, the Austrian priest who recently declared himself unworthy of a Bishop's mitre, will be consecrated Bishop in Rome on Friday, it was announced from the Vatican tonight.

The ceremony will be conducted by Theodor Cardinal Innitzer, the Archbishop of Vienna, who is due in Rome tomorrow. Dr. Jachym will also arrive in Rome tomorrow.—Reuter.

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## Bamangwato succession unclear

London, May 16. The birth of a daughter to Seretse Khama leaves the question of succession to the chieftaincy of the Bamangwato tribe in an unclear position, a Commonwealth Relations Office spokesman said today.

"There has never been a woman ruler of the tribe so there is no precedent which could be of guidance in the matter," he said.

"However, it may not be necessary to reach a decision for a long time. There may be other children and, if there is a son, he would of course take precedence," Associated Press.

## AMBOINA REVOLT SEQUEL

Jakarta, May 15. The USI Government indicated today that it will ask the Netherlands to answer for the action of rebelling troops under Dutch command in Amboina.

An official statement by the Defence Ministry said that recent announcements by the Dutch High Commissioner have given the impression that the Netherlands Government is no longer able to acquit itself of its responsibilities and duty towards personnel and material in Amboina.

This inability to discharge the obligations of the Netherlands-Indonesian Union pact has frustrated the USI with problems the solution of which will be costly and probably cause suffering and loss of life and property, it says.

The USI will discuss the affair with the Dutch as soon as it is officially informed of the Netherlands' position, the statement said.

According to the statement the Dutch-Indonesian agreement, for independence made the Dutch responsible for the KNIL until they were transferred to the USI and stipulated that the Dutch would transfer all KNIL troops and material to the USI.

A Netherlands spokesman said earlier that the Dutch Government is cutting all ties with KNIL mutineers in Amboina and that any action against them would be up to the USI.—Associated Press.

London, May 15. The Admiralty announced tonight the appointment of Rear-Admiral J. F. Stevens as Chief of Staff to the head of the British Joint Services Mission in Washington.—Reuter.

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# MECHANICAL TONGUES AND PLIABLE BOTTLES

London, May 15.

Mechanical tongues and automatic charting devices which plot ahead, one-man ditch digging machines and plastic, pliable bottles, squeezable yet unbreakable.

They are just a few of the myriad exhibits which 5,000 British manufacturers have put on display at the British Industries Fair now open here and in Birmingham since May 8.

Twenty thousand buyers from throughout the world are expected to attend the three huge exhibits—two of them in London—before the Fair closes on May 19, predicted Sir Leonard Browett, director of the National Union of Manufacturers.

"The manufacturers of Britain realise that it is vitally necessary to produce goods of a design and at a price which will meet the tastes and needs of the overseas market," Sir Leonard said. "We think we're doing that."

The story of the British Industries Fair dates back to the autumn of 1914. War engulfed most of Europe. Britain, long dependent for certain classes of manufactured goods on Germany and Austria, was cut off from those sources of supply.

To encourage British manufacturers to make these goods, the Board of Trade started a series of small exhibitions up and down the country so manufacturers could examine the types of foreign articles needed.

## Mechanical tongue

The home-manufactured goods were negligible, says the Board, and 10,000 foreign buyers were asked to come to Britain in 1915 to look at those new British products.

Only four American buyers appeared at the first Fair on May 10, 1915. In all, 235 overseas buyers were registered.

Since then, with the exception of a seven-year Second World War spell when the fair went into storage, there has been a steady expansion. Last year 77,000 overseas buyers registered.

The mechanical tongue—one of the exhibits at this year's fair—licks and seals envelopes. It is designed, says the manufacturer, to save office boy's time.

Other exhibits include: A washing machine which, just two feet six inches high and 18 inches in diameter, is claimed to be the smallest on the market.

A new organic material, developed after seven years' research, which is claimed to simulate perfectly shell, jade, lapis lazuli, turquoise and onyx.

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A portable television station which packs into seven small suitcases and may be carried in an ordinary motor car.

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Mechanical charting device which plans ahead. Designed to aid sales, control budgets and

Inhour, the device is a perforated drum with guides and coloured signals indicating data.

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## Sequel to boycott of funeral

Teheran, May 16.

Official sources said today that Iran may back her strong protest to Russia for snubbing the funeral of the late Shah Reza by withdrawing diplomatic facilities from the Polish and Rumanian Legations here.

The two satellites joined Russia in boycotting the funeral because they considered that the late Shah was a dictator.

If the Iranian Government withdraws the Polish and Rumanian facilities they would be forced to close. The Iranian Minister in Moscow has already submitted a stiff verbal complaint to the Russian Foreign Office.

The Polish and Rumanian Charges d'Affaires in Teheran were called to the Iranian Foreign Ministry and strongly reprimanded.

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# FUKIEN CLAIM OF BEST CROP IN 20 YEARS

San Francisco, May 15. News about China's home-grown food was given by Peking Radio tonight. It said that the best wheat crop in 20 years had just been harvested in Fukien Province, East China, on part of the coast nearest to Taiwan.

Output per hectare was between 875 and 1,125 kilograms in West Fukien (roughly eight to nine hundredweights per acre) and between 1,500 and 1,875 kilograms in the South-east parts of the Province (roughly 12 to 14 hundredweights per acre).

The Radio said that over the whole province last year's wheat output was exceeded by 20 to 40 per cent and specific areas of the Province had topped last year's figures by as much as 60 per cent.

It was also reported that barley was already being harvested in the Provinces of Kwangtung, Kwangsi, Kiangsi and Kiangsu and that spring wheat was nearly ready for reaping.

## Well advanced

Peasants were in high spirits because these two crops were well advanced in areas of Central and South China owing to moderate rainfall this spring.

Local governments were energetically helping peasants to reap and store grain, the Radio said.

It also announced that the first agricultural machine depot in China had started work near Mukden.

The depot was equipped with 50 tractors, various agricultural machines, trucks and trailers.

It would hire out machines to public farms and mutual aid teams in which peasants pool their animals, implements and man-power.—Reuter.

## BELGRADE TO LEAVE WFTU

London, May 15. The Yugoslav Trade Unions Central Committee today decided to withdraw from the Communist-led World Federation of Trade Unions, Belgrade Radio reported.

In March, the WFTU announced it had decided to break off all relations with Yugoslav trade unions as their leaders were traitors to the workers.

Belgrade Radio said today's decision was the result of the WFTU's discriminatory measures against Yugoslav delegates.—Reuter.

## GIRLS IN MALAYA AMBUSH

Singapore, May 15. Many girl guerrillas took part in ambushing a combined

Siamese and Malayan police jungle patrol inside the Thai border on Saturday, killing six.

The gang, estimated at between 60 and 150, killed a European cadet police officer, four Malay constables and a Thai constable. Five other policemen were wounded and one is missing. Two of the gang were believed to have been killed.

In two other clashes with guerrillas yesterday, two constables were killed and four were injured.

The Malayan Federal Government today announced the appointment of Sir William Jenkins, retired Senior Officer of the Indian Intelligence Service, for one year, to give advice to the Criminal Investigation Department of the Federal Police.

The mission of three British police officials, which, recently reported on the Malayan police, recommended the appointment.—Reuter.

## RED RIVER AT ITS PEAK

Winnipeg, May 15. The rampaging Red River appears to have reached its peak crest in Greater Winnipeg as flood officials announced that more than 100,000 people had left the flood-ravaged city.

The turbulent Red River leveled off at 30.1 feet this morning, a drop of one-tenth of a foot from the maximum during the night and exactly 12.1 feet above the minimum flood level of 18 feet.

The deputy Resources Minister of Manitoba, D. M. Stephens, announced that the river appears to have reached its 1950 peak, but warned against optimism.

Heavy rains could drastically alter the situation within hours, he said.—United Press.



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The traditional Labour Day festivities took place in the Plaza de Mayo, in front of the Government House in Buenos Aires, Argentina, from where the Chief of State, President Peron, and his wife spoke to the great crowd which had gathered there. After the speeches followed the election of the Labour beauty queen. The candidate from the province of Salta, Miss Praxedes Mesconi, was elected. Photos show: top, the Labour queen, 20-year-old Miss Praxedes Mesconi, with her husband, 21-year-old Juan Carlos Mesconi; bottom, Madame Peron greets the crowd. At left, behind, is President Peron. (AP Photo).

## AGREEMENT ON FOREIGN AID

Washington, May 15.  
Senate and House conferees agreed today on the \$3,121,450,000 foreign aid bill for the fiscal year beginning June 1, including money to fight Communism in South East Asia and to feed the starving millions in Communist-held China.  
The compromise between the House and Senate bills provides \$2,850,000,000 for third year instalment on the Marshall Plan and \$35,000,000 to start President Truman's Point Four programme of aid to backward areas.

The bill which goes back to the House and Senate for final approval before being sent to the White House only authorizes aid. The actual money must be appropriated separately.  
Economy forces will seek further cuts when the money bill is considered. In another phase of the Point Four plan, the conferees voted to authorize up to \$200,000,000 in American investment abroad.  
The \$2,850,000,000 for the Marshall plan was \$250,000,000 under the Administration's request. The conferees approved \$94,000,000 for aid to China, including \$40,000,000 for non-Communist China and \$54,000,000 for economic aid to non-Communist in the "general China area."  
The latter will be used to launch proposed new anti-Communist aid for South East Asia, including French Indo-China.

**China relief**  
The China fund also includes \$8,000,000 to relieve famine conditions in Communist China. The money will be spent through private relief agencies such as the Red Cross.  
The \$94,000,000 actually was left over from previous appropriations which could not have been used after June 30 without new authority.  
Other items approved were: 1. \$100,000,000 for aid to South Korea. This might be cut off if a coalition government containing any Communists were formed in South Korea.  
2. \$27,450,000 for aid through the United Nations to Arab refugees from the Palestine war.  
3. \$15,000,000 for the International Emergency Children's work through the United Nations.—United Press.

## DUNKIRK PORT PARALYSED

Dunkirk, May 15.  
Dunkirk Harbour was paralysed today as a result of the refusal of dockers to load military equipment for Indo-China.  
Operations in the harbour stopped when the authorities closed the Labour Exchange after dockers refused to load military supplies on the "Monocoy," which was due to sail for Indo-China.  
The trouble started on Saturday when dockers who had undertaken to load the freighter "Monsieur" later not to load three locomotives and military material.  
The local authorities then decided to hire dockers direct, but their appeal failed and they decided the strike would be "discontinued" until the dockers changed their attitude.  
While the "Monocoy" is being loaded by German under-arms, the "Monsieur" is being loaded by German under-arms.—United Press.

## Fanatics uncovered in France

Paris, May 15.  
Widespread raids to round up members of a Nazi-patterned French underground organisation were ordered by the Paris police today, following the discovery of an arms cache, but the group turned out to be little more than a club of a few fanatics.  
Although the police found lists of members, names of Jews to be killed and portraits of Hitler, plus a stockpile of arms and explosives cached in the home of Jacques Gras, aged 19, investigation and interrogation of Gras and his two associates convinced the Police that the organisation was mostly on paper. The police checked over 50 alleged members of the "national armed forces", of which Gras was the Hitler-worshipping "fuehrer" and discovered that none of the men named had ever heard of the organisation. The group's only exploit was said to be the theft of blank cheques and resistance certificates from a local resistance club.  
Gras' companions were Henri Ferrari, aged 25, and Hubert Pierre, aged 25. The three men were charged with illegal possession of arms.—United Press.

## ATTLEE ON THE COMMONWEALTH

London, May 15.  
The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, today described the British Commonwealth as a unique organisation—the only instance where an Empire has been built up by a powerful State, which has by deliberate policy transferred its power to those who were formerly subordinates and made equal partners.  
Addressing 6,000 youths and girls at a World Forum of Youth here, he said: "Twice in my lifetime the great test of war has come and our enemies thought that so long as I defined a structure of the British Commonwealth of Nations would prove weak and break up."  
"On the contrary," he proved stronger than States which from the point of view of a paper constitution seemed to be far more closely knit together.  
"The reason is that co-operation between nations and peoples and States does not depend on the perfection of written constitutions, but on the will to co-operate and on the acceptance of common ideas."  
Mr. Attlee added: "Butter-

## Britain hits back at Czechoslovaks

London, May 15.  
Britain has ordered the Czechoslovak Embassy in London to halt its information activities.  
Mr. Ernest Davies, Parliamentary Under-Secretary for the Foreign Office, told the House of Commons that the action was a measure of retaliation for the recent Czech step in shutting down the British information Service and British Council in Czechoslovakia.—Associated Press.

## ATTLEE'S "NO"

London, May 15.  
The Prime Minister, Clement Attlee, refused in the House of Commons today to identify four spies whose names were transmitted to the British Government by Canada.  
Answering a questioner who asked if he would give the names, which the Canadian External Affairs Minister, Mr. Lester Pearson, is said to have supplied to Britain, on May 1, Mr. Attlee said, "No," and added: "There have been consultations with Canadian Ministers, and this is very well understood by both sides."—United Press.

# USSR LODGES PROTEST OVER OIL SURVEYS ON THE PERSIAN BORDER

London, May 15.  
Russia has sent a note to Persia about reported plans for oil surveys in areas of Northern Persia bordering the Soviet Union, Moscow Radio reported tonight.  
The Soviet Embassy in Teheran presented a note to the Persian Government protesting against contracts concluded by the Iranian Oil Company with foreign oil companies for topographical and geological surveys in these regions.  
Quoting Persian Press reports, the Soviet note said that the Iranian Oil Company had bought equipment for prospecting in the area. Contracts were also being signed with American experts to carry out the work.  
After referring to the 1921 treaty between the two countries, the note said, "The Soviet Government expects that the Persian Government will take the necessary steps to remove the cause of the abnormal situation."  
The note accused the Persian Government of carrying out measures of military significance in the areas on the Soviet-Persian frontier and added, "What is more, for the carrying out of these measures, foreigners are being brought in and, in particular, American experts."  
The note quoted Press reports of the organisation of the Iranian Oil Company for the prospecting and extraction of oil throughout Persia with the exception of areas in the Anglo-Iranian Company's concession.  
It said that the Company was concluding contracts with foreign enterprises for aerial photography as well as other surveys, first and foremost in the zone including the North part of Khorasan, Gorgan, Mazanderan and Gilan bordering the Soviet Union.  
The Soviet Embassy in Persia has already informed the Persian Government that in its opinion all these works should be carried out not by foreigners but by Persia itself.  
On January 31, 1948, the note said, the Soviet Government had drawn attention to facts showing that the activities connected with foreign representatives mentioned above can create a danger to the frontiers of the USSR.—Reuter.

## EAST GERMANY PEOPLE'S ARMY

Berlin, May 15.  
West Germany's Socialist leader, Dr. Kurt Schumacher, alleged today that the Russian occupation troops in the Soviet zone above can create a danger to the frontiers of the USSR.—Reuter.

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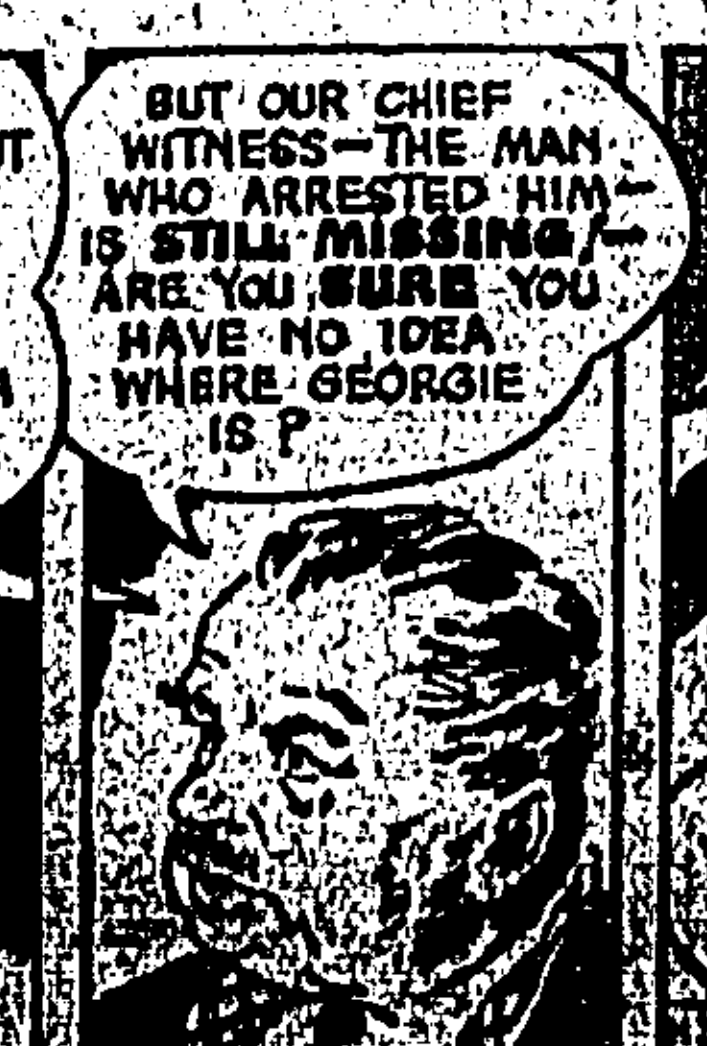


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**H.K.T.**

12.10—Broadcast for Schools—Geography—"People of the Sea" Venice—"City of the Sea" (H.K.T.)

12.30—"Hong Kong Calling"—Programme Summary

12.32—"Hilly Horlick and His Ork", Play Waltzes & Tangos.

12.45—"Film Memorabilia"

1.15—"News, Weather Report and Announcements"

1.25—"Interlude"

1.30—"Time for Music"—The HBC Midland Light Orchestra (H.K.T.)

2.00—"Close Down"

2.05—"Hong Kong Calling"—Programme Summary

6.00—"Take it from Here"—With Jimmy Nicholas, Dick Henley and Jimmy Edwards (London Relay)

6.30—"Strauss Polkas"

6.40—"At the Piano, Billy Mayerl"

7.00—"Lucky Dip"—Variety Request Programme Presented by Christy the Shore (Radio)

8.00—"World News and News Analysis" (London Relay)

8.15—"The Orch. of the Week"—The Concertgebouw Orch. of Amsterdam.

8.45—"The English Novel"—"Sir Walter Scott" by Lord David Cecil (London Relay)

9.10—"From the Editorials" (London Relay)

9.15—"Weather Report"

9.17—"The Case of Henri Desre Lanthe"—A Dramatisation of the French Mystery "Trial by Jury" by John Gough (H.K.T.)

10.05—"French Calaret" (Radio)

10.30—"Tactica"—Ily Cortot (Piano) Thibaud (Violin) and Casals (Cello)

10.45—"Soft Lights and Sweet Music"

11.00—"Radio News Reel" (London Relay)

11.15—"Weather Report, World News and Home News from Britain" (Radio)

11.30—"Close Down"

New flower shop opened

Jeannette's, Hong Kong's most attractive and modern flower shop was officially opened on Monday on the ground floor of the East side of Prince's Building. It faces Statue Square.

No champagne bottles were broken; neither was there any golden or silver key used for the ceremony. A ribbon stuck across the doorway was cut by Mrs. E. Pearce and the shop was declared open for business.

Mrs. Pearce wished the owner, Miss Jeannette Broadbridge, and her colleagues good luck and good business. She was presented with a bouquet of American roses by Desmond and Carol Broadbridge. Cocktails and light refreshments were served to the many guests present.

Jeannette's supplies flowers and bouquets for all occasions—weddings, birthdays, etc.—or just a single flower to please or appeal. In addition, there are a wide selection of gifts attractively presented.

BRITISH SHIP HITS ROCK

Brisbane, May 15.

The 7,320-ton British merchantman Marietta Dal broke her back on the Smith Rock two miles North of Cape Moreton tonight. She struck the rock at midday.

Most of the crew of 50 were taken off in a pilot vessel, but Captain C. Brightley and several key men remained on board.

The vessel was carrying a cargo of sulphur, oil, carbon black and tractors. She is owned by the Dalhousie Steam and Motorship Company of London—Associated Press.

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Having arrived Hong Kong consignees of cargo are hereby notified that all goods have been landed and placed at their risk and expense into the godowns of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., where delivery may be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the godowns or failure to attend the survey.

All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the godown where they will be examined in the presence of Messrs. Goddard & Douglas on May 19, 1950, at 10 a.m.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations, consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

No claims will be admitted, after the goods have left the godown, and all goods remaining undelivered after May 22, 1950, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before June 7, 1950, or they will not be recognised.

No fire insurance will be effected.

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HKDF ORDERS

Orders by Colonel L. T. Rido, CBE, ED, Commandant, Hong Kong Defence Force, dated May 10, 1950:

**Force Headquarters**

Depot—Training—week ending May 25, 1950. 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| SINGAPORE, JAVA, PORTS and MACASSAR                              |            |            |  |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|------------|--|
| SHIP                                                             | ARRIVALS   | SAILINGS   |  |
| "TJIBADANE"                                                      | 20th May   | 28th May   |  |
| "VAN HEUTZ"                                                      | 24th May   |            |  |
| "TJIBODAS"                                                       | 31st May   |            |  |
| "TJITALENGKA"                                                    | 6th June   | 10th June  |  |
| *not calling Singapore                                           |            |            |  |
| MANILA, EAST & SOUTH AFRICA                                      |            |            |  |
| SHIP                                                             | ARRIVALS   | SAILINGS   |  |
| "TJIBADANE"                                                      | 10th June  |            |  |
| "BERLAGE"                                                        | 14th June  |            |  |
| "TJIKAMPEK"                                                      | 16th June  | 6th July   |  |
| "STRAAT BOENDA"                                                  | 18th June  |            |  |
| "RUYB"                                                           | 27th July  |            |  |
| *Loading for Mauritius & South America only                      |            |            |  |
| *Loading for East & South Africa only                            |            |            |  |
| JAPAN                                                            |            |            |  |
| SHIP                                                             | ARRIVALS   | SAILINGS   |  |
| "TJIMENTENG"                                                     | In Port    | 23rd May   |  |
| "TJIBADANE"                                                      | 8th June   | 20th May   |  |
| "TJIBODAS"                                                       |            | 2nd June   |  |
| "TJIKAMPEK"                                                      |            | 18th June  |  |
| "TEGELBERG"                                                      | 4th July   | 19th June  |  |
| "RUYB"                                                           | 10th July  | 10th July  |  |
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| EUROPE via MANILA and MALAYA                                     |            |            |  |
| SHIP                                                             | ARRIVALS   | SAILINGS   |  |
| "RYNKERK"                                                        | In Port    | early June |  |
| "LANGLESCOT"                                                     | early June | early July |  |
| "MARIEKERK"                                                      | early July | early Aug. |  |
| Through B/L issued to Mediterranean and Northern European ports. |            |            |  |
| JAPAN                                                            |            |            |  |
| SHIP                                                             | ARRIVALS   | SAILINGS   |  |
| "RYNKERK"                                                        | early June | 20th May   |  |
| "LANGLESCOT"                                                     | early July | early June |  |
| "MARIEKERK"                                                      | early Aug. | early July |  |
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## FINANCE AND COMMERCE

# JAPAN NOT TO JOIN THE MONETARY FUND

## New York Stock Exchange

New York, May 15. Limited demand today was enough to put prices slightly higher in the stock market. General Motors ran far ahead of the rest of the list with a rise of more than two points at times. The volume of trading was restricted to 1,200,000 shares, the slowest session in about two months.

Most gains were fractional. Radio television had some early popularity but quieted and held below best prices.

Railroads were steady and quiet with a number trading unchanged. Holders are not selling on the strike news.

There was a general air of caution about the whole market just as there was on most days last week. Some market analysts regarded the step-down in volume as bullish in the face of the rising price tendency.

Stocks on the higher side included Bethlehem Steel, Youngstown Sheet and Tube, Chrysler, Studebaker, Goodrich, Admiral, Philco, Union Pacific, Standard Oil of New Jersey, American Can and Dupont which raised its dividend to 85 cents against 75 cents in the previous quarter.

Dow Jones averages: Stocks 77.10; 20 Industrials 318.04; 11 Rails 55.53; 10 Utilities 43.48.

Closing quotations:  
Aluminum 22 1/4  
Alaska 100 3/4  
American Can 118  
Smelting 54 1/4  
Telephone 158 3/4  
Tobacco 70  
Waterworks 10 3/4  
Anaconda Copper 32 1/4  
Aviation Corp. 7 1/4  
Baldwin Locomotive 10 1/4  
Barnsdall 52 1/4  
Bentley Aviation 45 1/4  
Bethlehem Steel 36 1/4  
Boeing Aircraft 30  
Borden Co. 51  
Canadian Pacific 15 1/4  
J. I. Case 43 1/4  
Chrysler 68 1/4  
Colgate 44 1/4  
Commercial Solvent 16 1/4  
Corn Products 67 1/4  
Du Pont 74 1/4  
Eastman Kodak 46 1/4  
General Electric 49 1/4  
Motors 82 1/4  
Goodrich 87 1/4  
Goodyear 51 1/4  
Homestead Mining 44 1/4  
International Harvester 28 1/4  
Paper 44 1/4  
Tel. & Tel. 13 1/4  
Johns Manville 49 1/4  
Kaiser Aluminum 55 1/4  
Montgomery Ward 58 1/4  
National Distillers 22  
Lead 43 1/4  
New York Central 13 1/4  
Packard Motors 3 1/4  
Pan American Airways 9 1/4  
Pennsylvania RR 16 1/4  
Radio Corp. 20 1/4  
Real Steel 14 1/4  
Rockingham Rand 12 1/4  
Republic Steel 38 1/4  
Republic Tobacco 37  
Schenley 38 1/4  
Scars Rockwell 45  
Shell Oil 43 1/4  
Socony Vacuum 18 1/4  
Southern Pacific 53 1/4  
Standard Brands 23 1/4  
Oil of Calif. 67 1/4  
Oil of N. J. 72 1/4  
Studebaker 33 1/4  
Union Bag 29 1/4  
Carbide 50 1/4  
US Rubber 42 1/4  
Steel 31 1/4  
Lines 16 1/4  
Westinghouse 54 1/4  
Youngstown Sheet & Tube 84 1/4  
Gen. Pub. Utilities 17  
Bond trading was slow. U.S. Treasury issues were unchanged. The curb market was narrowly mixed.

Tending higher were ABC Vending Machine, Ainsworth, Cliffe Neon, Hall Lamp, Producers Corporation.

Lower were Aluminum Limited and Kaiser Fraser—Associated Press.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the steamer's godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after May 18, 1950 will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before May 25, 1950, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

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Washington, May 15. American officials today said it is not likely that Japan will become a member of the International Monetary Fund until a peace treaty is written and International Fund member nations agree to accept Japan.

The adverse reaction came from authorities who declined identification.

Tokyo reports indicated that the Finance Minister, Hayato Ikeda, informed the Prime Minister, Shigeru Yoshida, that Japan has a good chance to join the monetary fund.

Washington officials said that Army officers arranged for Mr. Ikeda to talk with International Monetary Fund officials to acquaint him with what is being done there toward a possible time when Japan might reasonably aspire to fund membership.

Further economic stabilization within Japan was another condition Japan probably would have to get before the Fund and World Bank nations would consider membership, these sources believed.

Officials directing Mr. Ikeda's itinerary said he is leaving for New York on Tuesday night according to prearranged schedule.

"We know nothing about Prime Minister Yoshida calling his Finance Minister home as soon as possible," they said.

An Army spokesman said, "We are in no way urging Japan to be made a Fund member."

A spokesman for Mr. Ikeda denied that any Japanese envoy had told Mr. Yoshida that Japan has a good chance of joining the Fund.

Informal sources in Tokyo had said the information was received by the Prime Minister from Mr. Ikeda and Mr. Jiri Shirasu, Mr. Yoshida's personal representative.

The two are making a study of Mr. Ikeda's secretary, Keeney Miyasawa, said he was speaking for both Mr. Ikeda and Mr. Shirasu in denying they had called any such information to the Japanese Government.

He added that Japanese informants in Tokyo were correct in saying that Mr. Yoshida had urged Mr. Ikeda and Mr. Shirasu to return to Japan.—Associated Press.

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## Hong Kong Stock Exchange

The volume of business yesterday was well maintained with more buyers than sellers in evidence.

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4% Loan 98b  
3 1/2% Loan (1934 & 1940) 98b  
3 1/2% Loan (1948) 97 1/2b

BANKS  
H.K. & S. Bank 124 1/2b, 124 1/2b  
(Lon. Reg.) 277 1/2b  
Chartered Bank 97 1/2b  
Mercantile Bk. A. & B. 422 1/2b  
Bank of East Asia 101 1/2b

INSURANCES  
Canton Ins. Ex. Div. 280 1/2b  
Union Ins. Ex. Div. 94 1/2b, 94 1/2b  
China Underwriters 2n  
H.K. Fire Ins. 200n

SHIPPING  
Douglas 200n  
H.K. & M. Steamships 11n  
Indo China (Pref.) 89 1/2b  
(Def.) 200n  
Shells (Sealer) 69 1/2b  
U. Waterways 25s  
Asia Nav. 55s, 55s  
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, Etc.  
H.K. & S. Wharves 88s  
North Point Wharves 5.00n  
Shanghai Hongkong Wharves 16n  
H.K. Docks 14 1/2b  
China Providents 9.80s  
Shanghai Dockyards 21n  
Wharves 21 1/2b, 21 1/2b

MINING  
Raub Mines 47 1/2b  
H.R. Mines 0 1/4b  
Lands, Hotels & Bldgs.  
H. & S. Hotels 8b, 8b  
H.K. Lands 37 1/2b  
Shanghai Lands 1b, 1sa  
Humphreys 8b  
H.K. Rentals 2n  
Chinese Estates 124n

PUBLIC UTILITIES  
H.K. Tramways 113b  
Peak Trams (Old) Ex. Div. 15n  
(New) Ex. Div. 6n  
Star Ferries 75n  
C. Lights (Old) 10.10b, 10 1/2b  
10/10 1/2b  
(New) 9.00b  
H.K. Electric 22b, 22 1/2b  
Macao Electric Co. Ry. 18 1/2b, Ex. Div. 11n, Rights 1n  
Sandakan Lights 68n  
Telephones 14 1/2b, 14 1/2b  
Shanghai Gds 11n

INDUSTRIALS  
Caid. Macg. (Ord.) 21sa  
Canton Iron 38n  
Cement 11 1/2b  
H.K. Ropes 13 1/2b  
STORES & CO.  
Daily Farms 32sa  
Watsons 22 1/2b, 23s, 22 1/2b  
L. Crawford 22n  
Sincere 3.80n  
China Emporium 92sa  
Sun Co. 14 1/2b  
Kwong Sang Hong 100n  
Wing On (H.K.) 62n  
Wm. Powell Ltd. 9n  
MISCELLANEOUS  
China Enterprises 14n  
H.K. Constructions (Ord.) 1.50b  
(New) 1.30b  
Vibro Filings 11n  
Marsman, Investments 9 1/2b  
Marsman (H.K.) 75n  
Shanghai Iron 1n  
Yangtze 25sa

COTTONS  
Ewos 18 1/2b  
RUBBER, etc. COMPANIES.  
Alma Estates 14n  
Anglo-Dutch 30n  
Anglo-Javas 15b  
Eatu Anans 10b, 10sa  
Buto Plantations 46b  
Chemor United 60a  
Cheng Rubbers 10b  
Consolidated Rubbers Ex. Div. 1.70n  
Dominion Rubbers 1.30n  
Kota Bharu 60b  
Kroonok Javas 15n  
Langkat 1n  
Padang Rubbers 95b  
Rajah Rubbers 10b  
Rubber Trusts 11b, 21s, 2sa  
Samsam Rubbers 65b, 80s  
Samsam Rubbers 15b  
Shanghai Kedahs 4n  
Shanghai-Malays 16n  
Shanghai Pinang 60b  
Shanghai Sumatras 1n  
Sua Manggis 10b  
Sunget Deris 118n  
Tanjung Merahs 45b  
Telong Rubbers 10b, 11b  
Ziangbe Rubbers 50n

**Money Market**  
US weakened further yesterday, opening at HK\$8.05 1/2 and dropping to \$8.04 1/2. However, at the close the rate climbed up again to \$8.05 1/2.

TT was put through from HK\$8.08 1/2 and 86.12 1/2. Sterling opened at HK\$13.40 against \$15.47 the day before. At the close it was \$15.35.

Australian pounds opened at HK\$12.55 against \$12.60 the day before. At the close the rate was \$12.50.

Plasters were nominal at HK\$14.00. Trains at HK\$26.40 a 100 were unchanged.

NEI Goldfish were down 20 cents to HK\$44 a 100.

**LONDON STOCKS**  
London, May 15. Oil shares turned down on the heels of reports that negotiations over starting oil had been frustrated in New York. All index lost ground, though price movements were not big. Industrial trading was in the doldrums.

In foreign bonds, German issues slipped after a good start and Japanese issues declined by up to 1 1/2%.

The Financial Times index was 100.3—Associated Press.

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